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WELL KNOWN MEN PASS AWAY

Forest Day and Chester Young of Farmers Valley and John Servatius of Bradford Died During The Past Week.

DEATH OF FORREST DAY.

Saturday morning last this community was saddened by news of the death of Forrest Day of Farmers Valley While it was generally known that the young man was suffering from the effects of a nervous break down, the seriousness of his condition was not realized and news of his death came as a painful shock. as Forrest was sincerely liked and respected by this entire community.

He was born in Farmers Valley, Pa. Oct 17. 1890. and that was his home during his lifetime. He was a student in the Smethport schools and graduated from the high school in the class of 1907 with high standings. He was a remarkably intelligent young man and his sudden death in young manhood is particularly deplorable He was a genial, generous and accomodating boy, with a gift for winning and retaining friendships; he was a great worker and it is said by some who knew him that overwork was the big factor in causing his early death He was prominent in Grange circles, having been Master of Valley Grange 1190 last year and his services will be greatly missed in that order

Forrest is survived by his parents, Mr and Mrs. F C Day and by two sisters, Lura and Beatrice Day. The MINER extends heartfelt sympathy to the stricken family.

The funeral which was largely attended was held at the home in Farmers Valley Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock , Rev. J. S Fleming of the Methodist church. Smethport officiating. The floral tributes were profuse and beautiful Burial was in the Fairview cemetery in that place.

DEATH OF CHESTER YOUNG.

Died at the home of Mr. and Mr. J. J. Johnston of Smethport, Friday at 11 00 p m. March 15. **Chester M.** Young, after a long illness of pneumonia About a year ago Mr. Young fell from a load of hay at Farmers Valley and sustained broken ribs, one of which is thought to have puctured his lungs and pneumonia finally developed and an operation failed to give relief

Mr. Young was born in Farmers Valley on December 26, 1858. and resided in Farmers Valley for the first 35 years of his life and was married to Miss Eliza Reed of that place. For about 20 years he was a resident of Olean and Allegany returning to Farmers Valley about three years ago. where he worked for James Bray on the Armstrong farm. Some weeks ago he was taken sick with what proved to be fatal illness, and last week was brought to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnston in Smethport where he could be more conveniently cared for. but death came Friday as stated above.

Mr. Young was a man generally respected by all who knew him and his death is sincerely mourned.

He is survived by his widow and five daughters, Mrs. Arthur Reed of Farmers Valley; Mrs. Ward Frisbee, of Oil City; Mrs. E. B. Eddy of Strykersville N. Y., Mrs. M. Gardner of Whiting. Ind., and Miss Ethel Young of Olean, N. Y.; a brother. Leroy Young of Olean also survives.

The funeral was held at the U. B church at Farmers Valley. Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the Rev. J. S. Fleming of Smethport officiating. Burial was in Fairview cemetery.

DEATH OF JOHN SERVATIUS.

The death of John Servatus of No. 71 State street occurred this afternoon at his home. Mr. Servatius was aged about 65 years and had been in poor health for several years. but has borne his illness with patience and fortitude. He was an expert carriage worker for many years, coming here from Smethport. He was formerly employed in S. G. Coffin's carriage and paint shop. Some years ago Mr. Servatius was injured in the head by a piece of wood flying from a saw. from which he never recovered and which forced his retirement from active work. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Myra Carlson of Buffalo. N. Y.; Mrs. Carrie Carlson of Kane and Miss Anna Servatius. at home and one son Albert Servatius. also of this city. Deceased had resided here for many years and was a highly respected citizen.—Tuesday's Bradford Star Record.

This news was received in Smethport with great sorrow as Mr Servatius has a host of friends here who regretted to hear of his death. For 15 years Mr Servatius was employed as a carriage worker by T. H. Purtle., now proprietor of the New Grand Central. who formerly conducted an extensive blacksmithing and woodworking business in this place. Mr. Servatius was also in business for himself for a time, and before he left Smethport a number of years ago was at the head o fthe wood-working department of Holmes and Gilfilan's establishment.

For years he was a valued member of the old Smethport band and a man prominent in the affairs of the town His death is greatly regretted and the bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of Smethport people.

THE BUTTS HOUSE BURNED.

The Butts House, located at Buttsville,, a small mining town about two miles from Mt. Alton village, was destroyed by fire. together with its contents, between 4 and 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon The hotel. a three-story wooden structure was still of substantial build The Butts House at this place had no connection with the popular Butts House conducted by James Mahoney at Mt Alton.

Some time ago T. J. Slavin, F F. Slavin and P. H Slavin of Eldred went to Buttsville and reopened the mines in that immediate vicinity. Their families and others, including many of the miners, boarded at the Butts House.

Tuesday afternoon the fire was discovered, having presumably been started by a forest fire which raged in the immediate vicinity The place has no fire protection and the tenants had nothing todo but stand by and watch the flames destroy the structure —Star-Record

MISSIONARY COMING HOME.

Miss Winifred Roeder. who has been a missionary in China for a number of years is on her way home It is now four years since Miss Winifred has visited her mother, Mrs. H W. Roeder of Farmers Valley. and her coming is eagerly looked forward to Miss Roeder has been stationed at Yachow, and found considerable trouble in getting down the river to the coast, owing to the fighting and generally unsettled conditions which prevail among the inhabitants of that region At last reports however the missionary had reached the coast and it is hoped is now on her way across the water to the United States.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. LUKES.

Holy Communion every morning at 8 00 a. m. except Good Friday.

Morning prayer every morning at 10.30.

Evening prayer, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Preparation for Easter Communion Thursday evening

Intercessions Good Friday evening at 7:30.

Children service Wednesday and Friday at 4·00 p. m

Baptism Saturday at 4:00 p. m.

NEWS FROM DR. HAMILTON.

Lieut Robt. Hamilton has been assigned to duty with the California base hospital unit which came from San Francisco to Camp Greenleaf, Oglethrope. Ga, where after a short course of training they will undoubtedly be sept across to France.

EVERY ONE ENROLLED.

The enrollment of high school students in the farm labor reserve movement as usual found Smethport in the front. Every boy in the high school over 16 years of age had enrolled Monday.

A SAFE INVESTMENT.

There is no question now but that War Savings Stamps are a safe investment. Missouri. the "show me" state, now ranks first of all the states in the Union in their sale with a total of over nine million dollars.

—Guy McCoy will leave to-day for Philadelphia on business connected with the Public Safety Committee

—An exceptionally well written article on the W. C. T. U meeting last Thursday night is crowded out this week, as another article on the same subject was already in type when the first mentioned article was received.

—That the Berney-Bond bottle plant will operate entirely with machines the coming season seems to be a settled fact.

TWENTY-ONE CARS IN SHAWMUT WRECK

Broken Wheel Causes One of the Worst Wrecks in the History of the Shawmut Railroad.

Thursday afternoon about 3 30 o'clock. occurred one of the most extensive freight wrecks in the history of this section of the Shawmut railroad. A heavy loaded coal train met with disaster about two miles south of Kasson, when a broken wheel caused a pile up of cars. Twenty one cars were in the wreck. some of them were left on the track and some ran into the meadow entirely off the right of way.

Brakeman Brehen who jumped in time to save his life sustained some cuts and bruises and was the only one injured

The wreck train immediately got busy but it was Sautrday morning before the wreck was cleared and the 300 feet o ftrack torn up by the accident repaired. During this time passengers were obliged to transfer around the wreck; Thursday night automobiles from Clermont taking care of the passengers

It is expected that the great amount of coal scattered around the scene of the wreck will be reloaded as it is altogether too valuable to be abandoned, and local consumers would not care to purchase any such quantity as twenty one car loads Saturday traffic was resumed again in normal style and the Shawmut is now doing big business as it has for several months

NOTICE OF THE PRIMARY.

As required by the Act of February 17th. 1906, known as the "Uniform Primary Act." and as amended by the Act of April 6th, 1911. and as further amended by the Act of July 19th 1913. The County Commissioners of McKean County pursuant to written notices filed with the said County Commissioners hereby give notice of the names o fall offices for which nominations are to be made and candidates for party offices to be elected at the ensuing Primary to be held on the third Tuesday of May 1918. as follows.

Governor,

Lieutenant Governor

Secretary of Internal Affairs

One Judge of the Superior Court.

Four Representatives in Congress-at- Large

One Representative in Congress, (21st District).

Two Representatives in the General Assembly.

One Member of the State Committee of each Political Party.

One County Committeeman for each election district for each Party.

A. M. MARSH
O. S GAHAGAN
THOMAS FLAHERTY
Commissioners of McKean County.
Ad. 12 w 3.

SIX THOUSAND REPORTED.

Food Administrator Hungiville received 6000 flour reports up to the time of closing, Monday night, as per orders from headquarters Since that time he has received about 1.000 additional reports, many from Smethport people, which he is holding awaiting instructions as to their disposal. The MINER'S edition of last week containing the coupon was entirely exhausted although a large number of extras were printed in anticipation of this demand.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

Whereas:—

It has seemed best for an all-wise God to take from our midst our much loved and useful brother. Forrest E Day,

Be it therefore resolved:—

That we. the members of Valley Grange, No. 1190 do sincerely mourn the loss of our brother, and do hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Be it further resolved:—

That our charter be drapped for a period of 60 days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and also to each of the county papers

Ged. Herzog
Geo Rockefeller,
B. W Richmond
Committee.

—At the biweekly meeting of the Travelers Club Saturday, the subject was "Art in America," and the program was given by Mrs. E. L. Keenan. Mrs. Mary L. Bisett, and **Mrs. John B. Eastman.**

RED CROSS NOTES. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Auxiliary and Private Donations and subscriptions not previously reported.

Name	Monthly.	Paid
D. A. R. Auxiliary		$37.92
East Smethport Auxiliary.		77.75
Burbank Auxiliary		19.10
Coryville.		4.50
Order of Eastern Star.		58.10
Card Party		38.05
Coleville Aid Society		5.00
Retta Clubertson, Coleville		1 00
Lena Martin. Clermont		5.00
Mrs. C. J. Parsons, Ormsby	2.00	8.00
Mrs. Alice Digel		.25
Mrs. Earl Abbey..		.20
Josephine Daniels	.25	.50
Mrs. L. L. Burdick	.25	.50
Agnes M. Herzog	.25	2.50
Mrs. George Gerlitt	.50	
Mr. and Mrs E. A. Studholme	2 50	25.00
Mrs. T. W. Camp	2.50	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. McKean	1.00	10 00
Mr. & Mrs. Fleming	.25	2.50
Mrs. Mencer	.25	2.50
Julia Fay		2.00
Mrs. Eagan		1.00
Mrs. A. B. Walker, ...		2.50
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Bouton	5.00	5.00
Mrs Purtle		1.00
Mrs. E. L. Keenan	.50	1.00
Jno. R. McCarty	.25	.50
Mr. A. A. Abbey.	.25	.50
C O. Larson	.25	1.00
Mrs. Clark Dunn, ...	.50	1 00
J W. Hessour, Jr.	25	.25
Joseph Douchamp	.50	1.00
Harry Ferri	.25	.50
F Thornton	.25	.75
S. J. Lynch, ...	.50	1 50
Mr. & Mrs. John D Abbey ..		1.00
Mrs. Chas. Pratt.		.75
Mrs. J Smith		25
Mrs. Burg Pierce.		.25
Mrs. Orson Stull, ...		.50
Newton Hyde.		1.00
Mrs. George King		.50
Fred Koutz		50
G. C Douglass		2 00
Marion Bush		1.00
East Smethport Guild .. .		1 00
Helen McGowan, ...		5.00

A number of the people whose names were published last month have raised their monthly subscriptions and others have paid the ten months in full.

The amount of the check given to tht Treasurer o the Finance Committee at the Executive meeting Monday evening was $655.12.

The Finance committe is now asked to raise six hundred dollars per month and in order to do this must have the heartiest co-operation of every man, woman and child in Smethport. A doubling of all subscriptions and a substantial increase in the offeringa at the various functions conducted for the benefit of the Red Cross would do this

There are workers to use all the mattrial that this amount of money will purchase and surely the loyal and patriotic citizens of Smethport will not let the work decrease for lack of funds.

Surgical Dressings.

The Surgical Dressing Classes are doing excellent work at their various meetings and there is room for more workers especially at the afternoon meetings which are held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. The men work on Monday evening and the women on Wednesday evening of each week nad all interested in this work are welcome

The report of the February shipment is as follows.

210 Absorbent pads 8 x 12 inch.
200 Absorbent pads 12 x 24 in.
20 paper backed pads 16 x 24 in.
150 shot bags 3 x 4 in.
190 shot bags 4 1-2 x 4 1-2 in
800 Gauze wipes 2 x 2 in.
350 Gauze wipes 4 x 4 in.
425 Gauze compresses 8 x 4 in.
21 Flannel Bandages
3 Fracture Pillows
48 Gauze Rolls

Auxiliary Reports

The Auxiliary of the Smethport Chapter sends the following very satisfactory report for the month's work.

The D. A. R. Auxiliary.

49 pr. socks
10 sweaters
7 suits of pajamas
14 surgical shirts.
4 convalescent caps.
1 pair wristlets.

Five pairs o fthese socks were donated—two pair by Mrs. Merrill—
2 pair by Mrs. VanDyke
1 pr. by Mrs. Merrill
1 pr. wristlets

The caps were donated by Mrs. VanDyke.

Conenada Camp Fire Auxiliary.

5 Sweaters
4 pr socks
1 pr wristlets .

Burbanks Auxiliary

12 suits pajamas
9 surgical shirts
23 pair socks.

East Smethport Auxiliary

5 suits pajamas
3 pr. surgical leggins
10 surgical shirts
6 sweaters
10 pairs socks.
1 pair wristlets
1 scarf.

Crosby Auxiliary.

24 sweaters
50 pairs socks
4 pairs wristlets
1 muffler
1 helmet
12 pajamas
16 surgical shirts.

Norwich Auxiliary.

4 sweaters
2 pr socks
11 pajamas
15 surgical socks.
10 surgical shirts
9 pr bed socks.

Betula.

17 sweaters
5 pair socks
4 pr. wristlets
9 pajamas
7 surgical shirts.
25 pair surgical socks.

The yarn for 15 of these sweaters was donated by the Ladies of Betula.

WORRIED MAN HANGED HIMSELF

Andrew Lindquist Mistook a Jury Summons fo ra Call to the Colors and While Despondent Killed Himself.

Perhaps because he worried over a jury summons. which he imagined was a call to the colors. induced Andrew Lindquist, a farmer on the Smethport-Crosby road near Burbanks crossing. to take his own life Saturday morning by hanging.

Sheriff E. W. Jones received notification of the suicide about 7.30 o'clock Saturday morning and at once proceeded to the scene. The body was found hanging in the barn and it was evident that Lindquist deliberately went about his preparations for death. He used a new half inch rope which he tied to a rafter of the barn. then tying the other end about his neck he jumped off the stairway leading to the hay mow. The drop was about six feet. His neck was broken and death must have been practically instantaneous.

Sheriff Jones upon instructions from Coroner S. D. Heffner of Bradford brought the body to Undertaker. H H. Sasse's rooms in this place. and the coroner after hearing the particulars of the affair decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Lindquist had worried over the jury summons to appear at court April 15 next. and had talked to his wife about it. He seemed to regard it as a call for military service, although he was a man close to 65 years of age. Saturday morning he arose about 4·30 and went to the barn to do some chores . At 6 o'clock he ate his breakfast and told his wife he was going to Smethport to see the sheriff; then he returned to the barn

About 7·30 o'clock his wife went to the barn and discovered the lifeless body of her husband hanging from the rafter. She at once notified some men who were working nearby and they notified the sheriff by telephone

ELECTION OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Directors of McKean County:

Notice is hereby given that the school directors of McKean County will meet at the Court House in Smethport on Tuesday. the 9th day of April, 1918, at 11 o'clock Ante Meridian, for the purpose of electing a legally qualified person as county superintendent of public schools for the ensuing term.

C. W. LILLIBRIDGE.
County Superintendent of Public Schools.
March 14, 1918. adv3t.

Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the McKean County Fair Association will be held at the Secretary's office in the Grange Bank Building, Smethport. Pa., on the twenty-fifth day of March. 1918. at two o'clock p m.

HENRY J. RICE.
Secretary of McKean County Fair Association adv12w1

BASKET BALL NEXT FRIDAY.

Friday evening brings the Eldred High School basket ball team to Smethport fo rthe last game of the season. Ever since the local team took the Eldred boys into camp on their own floor a few weeks ago. they have been practicing faithfully with the one end in view of evening up the score when they should appear on the Smethport floor for the second of the series of games played between these two schools this year. About the fastest game of the year can be looked for.

The high school athletic association is especially anxious that the attendance shall far surpass that at any other game of the year. The financial situation is acute and demands that the proceeds from this last game of the year be very high in order to allow the association to come out of the season in a fairly sound manner. It must be borne in mind that no other school in the county is under such severe handicap to carry on the necessary athletic training of boys Every practice is expensive and the number of practices necessary to turn out a first class team brings quite a formidable expense account which must be met from the income from the games.

The financial situation as it now stands follows:

Receipts from 13 games ..	$349.84
Expenses for 13 games	$352 94
Rent of Lyceum	$138.00

There is a total deficiency at the present time of about $75 00 exclusive of the expense attendant upon Eldred game. The association has received generous gifts of $5 00 from E. W. Workley and Mrs R. K. Kessler, and $1.00 from T. H. Purtle and desire in this way to publicly acknowledge thanks.

Can we count on your attendance at this game to help us remove the whole of our indebtedness an once?

HABGOOD AND HARMONY.

The candidacy for Governor in the Republican primaries of Robert Patton Habgood. Bradford City. McKean County. is rapidly crystalizing the sentiment throughout the state for Republicanism over and above Factionalism. In every county of the state there are Republicans earnestly supporting "Habgood and Harmony."

Mr. Habgood has served two terms in the Legislature and supported the Workmen's Compensation Laws, Child Labor Laws Woman's Suffrage, Referendum and kindred measures He withdrew as a candidate for Speaker of the House in favor of Hon Charles Ambler, in the spirit of harmony. and seconded his nomination.

Mr Habgood was President of the Republican State League of Clubs for two years and was one of the four delegates at large to the Chicago National Convention in 1908 in the interest of Senator Knox for the Presidency. He favors the National Amendment for Prohibition and Woman's Suffrage and is supporting only the candidates in his home county in the primaries who voted to ratify them in the legislature.

He was born in Bellefonte. Pa., May 21, 1871. and spent his boyhood days in Renovo Pa., where he received his schooling and was in the class of 1887 in the Renovo High School. In 1888 he went to Bradford, Pa., with his parents. where his first job was car-repairer's helper in the shops of the Buffalo. Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway. In 1899 he began his newspaper career on the Bradford Evening Star at a salary of $12 per week. He is now the editor and publisher o fthe Bradford Evening Star and Record and has been an officer of the State Editorial Association and the Associated Dailies of Pennsylvania for years A large number of the newspaper men of the state are his personal acquaintance and friends.

Mr. Habgood and his supporters are conducting a vigorous campaign throughout the state, which will include the use of advertising space in a large number of dailies and weekly newspapers.

FARM HANDS EXEMPED.

Farmhands listed in Class 1 and within the next quota will be allowed deferred classification. Notices to this effect were mailed yesterday by the United States employment service of the department of labor to farmers throughout the country. Farmers will have to support the claims for deferred classification for helpers with affidavits executed with the local draft boards.

EASTER OPENING.

Easter opening at Bradner's. Olean, N. Y.. Thursday. Friday and Saturday of this week. adv12w1.

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AN AMERICAN SOLDIER WHO WENT

ARTHUR GUY EMPEY

MACHINE GUNNER, SERVING IN FRANCE

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—Fired by the news of the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine, Arthur Guy Empey, an American, leaves his office in Jersey City and goes to England where he enlists in the British army.

CHAPTER II—After a period of training Empey volunteers for immediate service and soon finds himself in rest billets "somewhere in France," where he first makes the acquaintance of the ever present "cootie."

CHAPTER III—Empey attends his first church services at the front while a German Fokker flies over the congregation.

CHAPTER IV—Empey's command goes into the front line trenches and is under fire for the first time.

CHAPTER V—Empey learns to adopt the motto of the British Tommy, "If you are going to get it, you'll get it, so never worry."

CHAPTER VI—Back in rest billets Empey gets his first experience as a mess orderly.

CHAPTER VII—Empey learns how the British soldiers are fed.

CHAPTER VIII—Back in the front line trench Empey sees his first friend of the trenches "go West."

CHAPTER IX—Empey makes his first visit to a dugout in "Suicide Ditch."

CHAPTER X—Empey learns what constitutes a "day's work" in the front line trench.

CHAPTER XI—Empey goes "over the top" for the first time in a charge on the German trenches and is wounded by a bayonet thrust.

CHAPTER XII—Empey joins the "Suicide Club," as the bombing squad is called.

CHAPTER XIII—Each Tommy gets an official bath.

CHAPTER XIV—Empey helps dig an advanced trench under German fire.

CHAPTER XV—On "listening post" in No Man's Land.

CHAPTER XVI—Two artillerymen "put one over" on Old Pepper, their regimental commander.

CHAPTER XVII—Empey has narrow escape while on patrol duty in No Man's Land.

CHAPTER XVIII—Back in rest billets Empey writes and stages a fa[illegible]dy.

CHAPTER XIX—Soldiers [illegible] ways to amuse themselves w[illegible] own.

CHAPTER XX—Empey vo[illegible] machine gun service and go[illegible] the front line trenches.

CHAPTER XXI—Empey [illegible] "over the top" in a charge which [illegible] his company 17 killed and 31 wounded.

CHAPTER XXII—Trick with a machine gun silences a bothersome Fritz.

CHAPTER XXIII—German attack preceded by gas wave is repulsed.

CHAPTER XXIV—Empey is forced to take part in an execution as a member of the firing squad.

CHAPTER XXV—British prepare for the Big Push—the battle of the Somme.

CHAPTER XXVI—In a trench raid [illegible] unconscious in No Man's Land for 36 hours.

CHAPTER XXVII—After four months in a British hospital Empey is discharged as physically unfit for further war service.

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nity of getting dessert. This is "trench pudding." It is made from [illegible] biscuits, condensed milk, jam, a little water and flavored slightly with mud—all put into a [illegible] and boiled over a little spirit stove known as "Tommy's cooker."

(Attention! Let me advertise: these cookers are a necessity for the men in the trenches. Gullible people buy them—ship them to the Tommies who immediately upon receipt of same throw them over the parapet. Sometimes a Tommy falls for the ad and uses the cooker in a dugout to the disgust and discomfort of the other occupants.)

This mess is stirred up in a tin and allowed to simmer over the flames from the cooker until Tommy decides that it has reached sufficient (gluelike) consistency. He takes his bayonet and by means of the handle carries the mess up in the front trench to cool. After it has cooled off he tries to eat it. Generally one or two Tommies in a section have cast-iron stomachs and the tin is soon emptied. Once I tasted trench pudding, but only once.

In addition to the regular ration issue Tommy uses another channel to enlarge his menu.

In the English papers a "Lonely Soldier" column is run. This is for the soldiers at the front who are supposed to be without friends or relatives. They write to the papers and their names are published. Girls and women in England answer them, and send out parcels of foodstuffs, cigarettes, candy, etc. I have known a "lonely" soldier to receive as many as five parcels and eleven letters in one week.

CHAPTER VIII.

The Little Wooden Cross.

After remaining in rest billets for eight days, we received the unwelcome tidings that the next morning we would "go in" to "take over." At six in the morning our march started and after a long march down the dusty road we again arrived at reserve billets.

I was No. 1 in the leading set of fours. The man on my left was named Pete Walling, a cheery sort of fellow. He laughed and joked all the way on the march, keeping up my drooping spirits. I could not figure out anything attractive in again occupying the front line, but Pete did not seem to mind; said it was all in a lifetime. My left heel was blistered from the rubbing of my heavy marching boot. Pete noticed that I was limping and offered to carry my rifle, but by this time I had learned the ethics of the march in the British army and courteously refused his offer.

We had g[illegible] in my [illegible] trench have to do to keep in touch with each other. We had just climbed over a bashed-in part of the trench, when in our rear a man tripped over a loose signal wire and let out an oath. As usual Pete rushed to his help. To reach the fallen man he had to cross this bashed-in part. A bullet cracked in the air and I ducked. Then a moan from the rear. My heart stood still. I went back and Pete was lying on the ground. By the aid of my flashlight I saw that he had his hand pressed to his right breast. The fingers were covered with blood. I flashed the light on his face and in its glow a grayish blue color was stealing over his countenance. Pete looked up at me and said: "Well, Yank, they've done me in. I can feel myself going West." His voice was getting fainter and I had to kneel down to get his words. Then he gave me a message to take home to his mother and his [illegible], and I, like a great big boob, cried like a baby. I was losing my first friend of the trenches.

Word was passed to the rear for a stretcher. He died before it arrived. Two of us put the body on the stretcher and carried it to the nearest first-aid post, where the doctor took an official record of the name, number, rank and regiment from his identity disk, this to be used in the casualty lists and notification to his family.

We left Pete there, but it broke our hearts to do so. The doctor informed us that we could bury him the next morning. That afternoon five of the boys of our section, myself included, went to the little ruined village in the rear and from the deserted gardens of the French chateaux gathered grass and flowers. From these we made a wreath.

While the boys were making this wreath, I sat under a shot-scarred apple tree and carved out the following verses on a little wooden shield which we nailed on Pete's cross.

True to his God, true to Britain,
  Doing his duty to the last
Just one more name to be written
  On the Roll of Honor of heroes passed—

Passed to their God enshrined in glory,
  Entering life of eternal rest
One more chapter in England's story
  Of her sons doing their best.

Rest you soldier, mate so true,
  Never forgotten by us below
Know that we are thinking of you,
  Ere to our rest we are bidden to go

Next morning the whole section went over to say good by to Pete, and laid him away to rest.

After each one had a look at the face of the dead, a corporal of the R. A. M. C. sewed up the remains in a blanket. Then placing two heavy ropes across the stretcher (to be used in lowering the body into the grave), we lifted Pete onto the stretcher and reverently covered him with a large union jack, the flag he had died for.

The chaplain led the way, then came the officers of the section, followed by two of the men carrying a wreath. Immediately after came poor Pete on the flag draped stretcher, carried by four soldiers. I was one of the four. Behind the stretcher, in column of fours, came the remainder of the section.

To get to the cemetery we had to pass through the little shell destroyed village, where troops were hurrying to and fro.

As the funeral procession passed these troops came to the "attention" and smartly saluted the dead.

Poor Pete was receiving the only salute a private is entitled to "somewhere in France."

Now and again a shell from the German lines would go whistling over the village to burst in our artillery lines in the rear.

When we reached the cemetery we halted in front of an open grave and laid the stretcher beside it. Forming a hollow square around the opening of the grave, the chaplain read the burial service.

German machine gun bullets were "cracking" in the air above us, but Pete didn't mind, and neither did we.

When the body was lowered into the grave the flag having been removed, we clicked our heels together and came to the salute.

I left before the grave was filled in. I could not bear to see the dirt thrown on the blanket-covered face of my comrade. On the western front there are no coffins, and you are lucky to get a blanket to protect you from the wet and the worms. Several of the section stayed and decorated the grave with white stones.

That night in the light of a lonely candle in the machine gunners' dugout of the front line trench, I wrote two letters. One to Pete's mother, the

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other to his sweetheart. While doing this I cursed the Prussian war god with all my heart, and I think that St. Peter noted same.

The machine gunners in the dugout were laughing and joking. To them Pete was unknown. Pretty soon, in the warmth of their merriment, my blues disappeared. One soon forgets on the western front.

CHAPTER IX.

Suicide Annex.

I was in my first dugout and looked around curiously. Over the door of same was a sign reading "Suicide Annex." One of the boys told me that this particular front trench was called "Suicide Ditch." Later on I learned that machine gunners and bombers are known as the "Suicide Club."

That dugout was muddy. The men slept in mud, ate in mud and dreamed of mud. I had never before realized that so much discomfort and misery could be contained in those three little letters, M U D. The floor of the dugout was an inch deep in water. Outside it was raining cats and dogs, and thin rivulets were trickling down the steps. From the air shaft immediately above me came a drip, drip, drip. Suicide Annex was a hole eight feet wide, ten feet long and six feet high. It was about twenty feet below the fire trench, at least there were twenty steps leading down to it. These steps were cut into the earth, but at that time were muddy and slippery. A man had to be very careful or else he would "shoot the chutes." The air was foul, and you could cut the smoke from Tommy's fags with a knife. It was cold. The walls and roof were supported with heavy square-cut timbers, while the entrance was strengthened with sandbags. Nails had been driven into these timbers. On each nail hung a miscellaneous assortment of equipment. The lighting arrangements were superb—one candle in a reflector made from an ammunition tin. My teeth were chattering from the cold, and the drip from the airshaft did not help matters much. While I was sitting bemoaning my fate and wishing for the fireside at home, the fellow next to me, who was writing a letter, looked up and innocently asked, "Say, Yank, how do you spell 'conflagration'?"

I looked at him in contempt and answered that I did not know.

From the darkness in one of the corners came a thin, piping voice singing one of the popular trench ditties entitled:

"Pack up your Troubles in your Old Kit
Bag, and Smile, Smile, Smile."

Every now and then the singer would stop to cough, cough, cough, but it was a good illustration of Tommy's cheerfulness under such conditions.

A machine gun officer entered the dugout and gave me a hard look. I sneaked past him, sliding and slipping, and reached my section of the front line trench, where I was greeted by the sergeant, who asked me, "Where in —— 'ave you been?"

I made no answer, but sat on the muddy fire step, shivering with the cold and with the rain beating in my face. About half an hour later I teamed up with another fellow and went on guard with my head sticking over the top. At ten o'clock I was relieved and resumed my sitting position on the fire step. The rain suddenly stopped and we all breathed a sigh of relief. We prayed for the morning and the rum issue.

CHAPTER X.

"The Day's Work."

I was fast learning that there is a regular routine about the work of the trenches, although it is badly upset at times by the Germans.

The real work in the fire trench commences at sundown. Tommy is like a burglar, he works at night.

Just as it begins to get dark the word "stand to" is passed from traverse to traverse and the men get busy. The first relief, consisting of two men to a traverse, mount the fire step, one man looking over the top, while the other sits at his feet, ready to carry messages or to inform the platoon officer of any report made by the sentry as to his observations in No Man's Land. The sentry is not allowed to relax his watch for a second. If he is questioned from the trench or asked his orders, he replies without turning around or taking his eyes from the expanse of dirt in front of him. The remainder of the occupants of his traverse either sit on the fire step with bayonets fixed, ready for any emergency, or if lucky and a dugout happens to be in the near vicinity of the traverse, and if the night is quiet, they are permitted to go to same and try and snatch a few winks of sleep. Little sleep is done, generally the men sit around, smoking fags and seeing who can tell the biggest lie. Some of them perhaps, with their feet in water, would write home sympathizing with the "governor" because he was laid up with a cold, contracted by getting his feet wet on his way to work in Woolwich arsenal. If a man should manage to doze off, likely as not he would wake with a start as the clammy, cold feet of a rat passed over his face, or the next relief stepped on his stomach while stumbling on their way to relieve the sentries in the trench.

Just try to sleep with a belt full of ammunition around you, your rifle bolt biting into your ribs, intrenching tool handle sticking into the small of your back, with a tin hat for a pillow, and feeling very damp and cold, with "cooties" boring for oil in your armpits, the air foul from the stench of grimy human bodies and smoke from a juicy pipe being whiffed into your nostrils, then you will not wonder why Tommy occasionally takes a turn in the trench for a rest.

While in a front line trench orders forbid Tommy from removing his boots, puttees, clothing or equipment. The "cooties" take advantage of this order and mobilize their forces, and Tommy swears vengeance on them and mutters to himself, "Just wait until I hit rest billets and am able to get my own back."

Just before daylight the men "turn to" and tumble out of the dugouts, man the fire step until it gets light, or the welcome order "stand down" is given. Sometimes before "stand down" is ordered, the command "five rounds rapid" is passed along the trench. This means that each man must rest his rifle on the top and fire as rapidly as possible five shots aimed toward the German trenches and then duck (with the emphasis on the "duck"). There is a great rivalry between the opposing forces to get their rapid fire all off first, because the early bird in this instance, catches the worm—sort of gets the jump on the other fellow, catching him unawares.

We had a sergeant in our battalion named Warren. He was on duty with his platoon in the fire trench one afternoon when orders came up from the rear that he had been granted seven days' leave for Blighty, and would be relieved at five o'clock to proceed to England.

He was tickled to death at these welcome tidings and regaled his more or less envious mates beside him on the fire step with the good times in store for him. He figured it out that in two days' time he would arrive at Waterloo station, London, and then—seven days' bliss!

At about five minutes to five he started to fidget with his rifle and then suddenly springing up on the fire step with a muttered, "I'll send over a couple of souvenirs to Fritz so that he'll miss me when I leave," he stuck his rifle over the top and fired two shots, when "crack" went a bullet and he

Lewis Gun in Action

tumbled off the step, all in to the mud at the bottom of the trench and lay still in a huddled heap with a bullet hole in his forehead.

At about the time he expected to arrive at Waterloo station he was laid to rest in a little cemetery behind the lines. He had gone to Blighty.

In the trenches one can never tell—it is not safe to plan very far ahead.

After "stand down" the men sit on the fire step or repair to their respective dugouts and wait for the "rum issue." Immediately following the rum comes breakfast, brought up from the rear. Sleeping is then in order unless some special work turns up.

Around 12:30 dinner shows up. When this is eaten the men try to [illegible] and [illegible].

While in rest billets Tommy gets up at six in the morning, washes up, answers roll call, is inspected by his platoon officer and has breakfast. At 8:45 he parades (drills) with his company or goes on fatigue according to the orders which have been read out by the orderly sergeant the night previous.

Between 11:30 and noon he is dismissed, has his dinner and is on his own for the remainder of the day, unless he has clicked for a digging or working party, and so it goes on from day to day, always looping the loop and looking forward to peace and Blighty.

Sometimes while engaged in a cootie hunt, you think. Strange to say, but it is a fact, while Tommy is scratching his shirt serious thoughts come to him. Many a time, while performing this operation, I have tried to figure out the outcome of the war and what will happen to me.

My thoughts generally ran in this channel:

Will I emerge safely from the next attack? If I do will I skin through the following one and so on? While your mind is wandering into the future it is likely to be rudely brought to earth by a Tommy interrupting with, "What's good for rheumatism?"

Then you have something else to think of. Will you come out of this war crippled and tied into knots with rheumatism caused by the wet and mud of trenches and dugouts? You give it up as a bad job and generally saunter over to the nearest estaminet to drown your moody forebodings in a glass of sickening French beer or to try your luck at the always present game of "house." You can hear the sing-song voice of a Tommy droning out the numbers as he extracts the little squares of cardboard from the bag between his feet.

CHAPTER XI.

Over the Top.

On my second trip to the trenches our officer was making his rounds of inspection and we received the cheerful news that at four in the morning we were to go over the top and take the German front line trench. My heart turned to lead. Then the officer carried on with his instructions. To the best of my memory I recall them as follows: "At eleven a wiring party will go out in front and cut lanes through our barbed wire for the passage of troops in the morning. At two o'clock our artillery will open up with an intense bombardment which will last until four. Upon the lifting of the barrage the first of the three waves will go over." Then he left. Some of the Tommies, first getting permission from the sergeant, went into the machine gunners' dugout and wrote letters.

Continued Next Week.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

F. & A. M.—McKean Lodge, No 388, meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at 8 15 p. m. at Masonic hall Main street
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Episcopal — Rev W E. VanDyke, Rector Services every Sunday at 10 30 a m and 7 30 p m Additional services at 8 a m, except on first Sunday of each month Sunday school 12 00 m

All Saints Memorial Chapel—East Smethport Rev W E VanDyke, rector. Evening service and Sunday school every Sunday at 2 30 p m

Baptist Church of Smethport—Rev. W P Wheeler Pastor Services 10 30 a m and 7 30 p m Sunday School at 11 45

St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church—P J Donahue, pastor Services at 10 30 a m

Swedish Mission Church—Rev. G Fahlblad pastor Services every other Sunday at 10 45 a m and 7 30 p m. On alternate Sundays meeting in the evening only. Sunday school every Sunday at 3 40 a m Prayer meeting Thursday night at 8 o clock

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COUNTY NEWS NOTES

ITEMS FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS TELLING NEWS OF THE WEEK

CLERMONT

Dance and Entertainment Well Attended—Little Notes About People.

Elmer Swanson of Bloomster Hollow is in town.

W. Smith was a Smethport caller Tuesday.

Margaret Birmingham was in Smethport Monday.

Joyce McGee of Crosby was in town Wednesday.

Fred Peterson was a Mt. Jewett visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Arthur Wicks and children spent several days in DuBois with relatives, returned to their home in Clermont on Wednesday.

Charles Slight visited St. Marys several days last week returning on Monday.

Lesh Borella was a Smethport caller Monday.

LOST— by the flood a three months old pig the property of Sam Manno.

Mrs. Okley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Simon Anderson.

John Fahey and son Maurice were in Ridgway Friday.

J. F. Keating was a Smethport caller Thursday.

Simon Anderson and son Delbert were in Smethport Thursday.

Mr. Heillman was a visitor in Smethport Thursday.

Robert Perry was a Smethport caller Friday.

Burt Anderson was in Smethport Friday.

The Club that was practicing for the entertainment for St. Patrick's Day have been spending most of their evenings at the home of J. F. Keating for the past week. From what we hear practice is going to make perfect.

Mrs. L. R. Wilmot of Bradford spent Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ringrose.

Jacob Amend was in Smethport Friday.

Mr. Nichols and his family arrived in town Monday.

Mary Keating who has been suffering with a cold and sore throat is reported much better at this writing.

The entertainment and dance Monday evening was a great success. A large crowd was in attendance and enjoyed every minute o fthe evening

BUSH HILL

Death of Mrs. Blanche Lebarr— Back at School Again— Roads Need Attention.

Marian VanSickles is visiting relatives in Port Allegany. Pa.

Edward Lynch is working for the Potter Gas Co.

Mary Hooley who has been confined to her home by illness is able to attend to her school duties again.

Henry Reynolds has returned to his home after attending the funeral of his aunt in Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Anna McKiernan who has been visiting friends and relatives in Bradford. Pa. and Olean, N. Y. has returned to her home.

Miss Marie Hooley was calling on Nellie Smith Sunday.

Our roads need attention. Someone get busy.

Mrs. Blanche Lebarr, who had spent most of her life here until about a year ago when she moved with her husband to New Jersey was killed in an automobile accident near her home there one day last week. She was in a car with her husband and two other men when it was struck by a train and her death was almost instantaneous. She is survived by her husband and two children; her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Zerby of this place; one brother, Mane Zerby of California. and two sisters. Mrs. Pearl Wicks of Wrights Pa. and Mrs. Jane Van Sickles of this place. The remains were brought to Port Allegany Thursday. The funeral was held Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the U. B. church at Grimes District and the burial was in the cemetery there.

HUTCHINS

Little Child Died—Returned to West Virginia— Personal Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carlson of Westline are spending a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rathburn.

Frank McChesney of Ridgway was a business visitor in town Friday.

Mrs. Harry Barber and son Leonard are visiting relatives in Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. A. Button was a Mt. Jewett caller last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M Rathburn spent Sunday at Hazelhurst with the latter's mother. Mrs. Mary Arthurs.

J. W. Schriner spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends at Ridgway and Brandy camp.

The Misses Marie Button and Alta Barber were Mt. Jewett shoppers on Thursday.

Mrs. Lindburg of Blue Jay is spending a few days with her daughter. Mrs. W. Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hartman of Bradford were guests of his parents Saturday.

Mrs. M. Larson was a Mt. Jewett visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Ishman and daughter Orvilla, have returned to their home in West Virginia after spending some time here with relatives.

Helen Madison the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Madison died on Tuesday March 19th after being ill for some time with whooping cough.

COLEGROVE.

News of the Past Two Weeks Told in Snappy Paragraphs.

March, 18.

Mrs. C. A. Anderson is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Lena Herzog, of Smethport.

H. Lord was dragging the roads Monday. Looks good to us.

All who have subscribed to the Crosby Red Cross will please pay their monthly pledges to Rev. W. H. Edmunds.

Next week wil ble self-denial week at Crosby church. All wishing to have a part in what will be good for you and will help those in need at the same time, ask for self-denial envelopes. The money will be donated to Foreign Missions.

G. C. Mason entertained Fred Granteer, W. A. Hulett and C. A. Anderson last Friday evening. Mrs. Mason served a delicious lunch and the evening was very much enjoyed by the gentlemen.

Rev Somers of Jamestown. N. Y. was i ntown Tuesday for the purpose of taking charge of the funeral services of Andy Lundquist.

Ralph Burdick enjoyed a canter over our state road Monday afternoon. He took particular note of the beauty spots which are our delight and hopes to enjoy them again at some future date. Well, we are always glad to share our pleasures with Smethport.

Miss Ruth Summersgill was the guest of Miss Leola Anderson Saturday.

On Monday and Tuesday one had doubts about its being March.

G. C. Everitt and daughter, Hilda, were Duke Center visitors Monday.

No late reports on the success or failure of various hair tonics.

March 11.

Mr. and R. N. Wilson were called to Erie Saturday by the death of Mrs. Wilson's sister, Mrs. Ben Fulkrod.

D. E. Bonnell is on the sick list.

Five and seven a. m. are classy hours to return from a basket ball game. Must have been a remarkably interesting game. Some of the rest of us may take more time for basket ball when it is as interesting as that?!

C. A. Anderson entertained R. N. Wilson, Frank Stranburg, and G. C. Mason one evening last week. Supper was served and a delightful evening spent.

Fred is seriously considering joining the Alliance if Mrs. Kane and son. Richard, do not soon return from Cowansville, where they are guests of Mrs. Kane's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth McGee entertained in honor o ftheir son. Joyce. Friday evening. Dancing was enjoyed by the young people and a good time is reported.

C. A. Anderson was a Buffalo visitor over Sunday.

August Jackson surprised us with some very fine lettuce but we are afraid there won't be any for Easter.

Mrs. John Peterson is on the sick list.

Everyone up this way is deep in the mysteries of sugar making. At the present rate, we wont mind any sugar shortage. Maple syrup can take its place.

Herman Lord has put into use the old sugar bush on the Heinemann place. Rev. Edmunds spent Saturday with him at the camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Aluf Peterson were Smethport visitors last week.

Miss Betty Brown spent Sunday with relatives in Smethport.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Everitt of Duke Center were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Everitt over Sunday.

LA FAYETTE

Dance Was Enjoyable—He Visited the Schools This Week.

Mrs. G. A. Taylor and son Francis were in Bradford Wednesday.

Ass't County Supt. B. S. Taylor of Bradford visited LaFayette township schools last week.

L. G. Barnes was in Bradford Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Anderson was in Bradford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sterling and daughter, Jane were in Randolph last week in attendance at the funeral of the former's grand father.

The dance given in Grange hall Monday evening March 18 was very successful both financially and socially. Jamison's orchestra of Bradford furnished the music in their inimitable style and the ladies of the Grange lived up to their reputation for providing ample and tasteful edibles for hungry dancers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wiscom and J. G. McGill of Westline were in LaFayette Monday evening to attend the dance.

Miss Christine Anderson primary teacher in Lewis Run schools, was in LaFayette. Monday to attend the dance. While here she was the guest of her cousin J. E. Anderson and family.

LARABEE

Bright Little Items About the Doings of Various People.

Rev. Chas. Harris Jr., of Port Allegany called on Mr. an dMrs. Eros Carpenter Thursday morning.

Mr. Gallagher of Scranton. Pa., has accepted a position here with the Wilson and English Con't Co.

Mrs. Ackermann returned to her home in Buffalo Saturday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Hubbard.

F. B. Granteer of Crosby was a Sunday guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Raszmann.

J. L. Ingle, Jr. of Eldred was in town, Sunday.

G. H. Raszmann of Portville was a Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raszmann.

Miss Edith Cory of Pierce Brook was a week-end visitor of Miss Alberta Rice.

Arthur Hibbard of Coryville was in town. Saturday.

Miss Bertha Robson of Almo visited her sister, Miss Lucy Robson, Sunday.

Forrest Pendleton was an Eldred visitor Friday.

Miss Zelda Carpenter visited friends in Olean last week.

J. L. Raszmann and brother. Dr A. Raszmann, were Crosby visitors, Sunday.

Mrs. Mildred Stickles is employed as nurse at Mrs. Shield's home in Eldred.

Mrs. Wm. Galusha and son. Ray, of Eldred visited relatives in town, Sunday.

Wm. Wallace of Coryville called in town. Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haynes and daughter, Josephine, were Sunday guests o fthe latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones.

Mrs. F. A. Moore of Coryville spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Eros Carpenter.

CROSBY

Clair Thomas, who has Made Two Trips to France, Visited Here.

W. A. Hulett went to Wellsville, N. Y. Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Gallup called on Miss Grace Winslow Tuesday p. m.

Mandeville Troy of Olean, N. Y., was a Crosby visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Nellie Bloomster. Mrs. Hazel Bloomster and Mrs. Ida Timmerman spent Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Jane Timmerman's. A delicious lunch was served and all report a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Grinolds of Port Allegany spent the week-end with her husband in Crosby.

Clair Thomas of the U. S. S. Vonstubin spent Tuesday evening at the home of Miss. Velma Wilcox, he has made two successful trips to France.

F. B. Grantier spent Saturday night with his daughter Lydia of Larabee.

Mrs. Cora Dillon and Miss Blanche McDade was seen on our street Tuesday.

Mr. Herman Kruger was a Bradford visitor over Sunday.

Complicated, but Easy.

"How do you get your husband to do what he doesn't want to do when you want him to do it?" "That's easy, I make a big fuss over something he has already done which I didn't want him to do or I remind him of something which I have done which he wanted me to do and I didn't want to do and soon he is doing what I want him to do just as though he wanted to do it all along."—Detroit Free Press.

Must Be Love.

Men might as well be given credit for marrying for love. There are not enough opportunities to marry for money to constitute an exception.—Topeka Capital.

Subscribe for the MINER.

THIS IS IMPORTANT.

The Public Safety Committee Urges the People of McKean County.

To take an interest in the following state wide movement as regards the Farm Labor problem. President Wilson urges all boys of sixteen to twenty-one years of age to enroll in the Boys Working Reserve. Organized by the Department of Labor at Washington, it is the official government organization for boys. Patriotic parents see that your boys join. The Country Director of the U. S. Boys Working Reserve is Mr. R. Kessler, Jr., of Smethport. Mr. Kessler is much nterested in boys, grils as well. He has a family of them. The county is fortunate indeed in having Mr. Kessler as the head of the Boys Working Reserve. It I san easy matter to join the Reserve. Enroll with the nearest Enrollment agent or go to him for information. Most of the Enrollment agents are connected with the schools of the county, there are twelve of them, as follows. Henry Smith, Norwich, Leo. E. Roberts Port Allegany, John A. Entz, and Wm. Brownell of Smethport, Berrul Connelly and L. E. Coulter Ludlow, C. M. McNaughton, Hazelhurst, E. E. Schermerhorn, Bradford, T. P. Miller and B. C. Stillman, Eldred, D. W. Morrison, Mt. Jewett, H. O. Dietrich, Kane.

The U. S. Department of Labor at Washington urges men of draft age or above, even if inexperienced, to enroll for a whole or a portion of their time this summer, for farm labor at going prices. Enroll on special Farm Labor blanks with neaerst Enrollment Agent, U. S. Public Service Reserve.

Churches, Schools, Lodges and Organizations Generally are asked to use their best efforts in these two enrollments. This part of the Public work for the county rests with the following committee. B. F. Starsky, chairman and Rev. Father Donahue of Smethport, G. C. Burch, Kushequa, Mrs. A. J. Bond Bradford, J. M. Keeny Port Allegany, H. W. Colegrove, Eldrde, Fred Kime Kane. The persons named are the District Public Safety Directors for the Department of Allied Bodies.

Works That Way.

It is a queer fact that even a bachelor at the head of a business prefers married men for employees. But this practice probably is no part of a movement to promote matrimony.—Milwaukee News.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES.

Boys and Girls Potato Club.

The history of the potato industry has been that low priced seed potatoes mean high priced products, due to a small acreage planted; while high priced products means a glutted market the following year. This means that this is an especially good year for boys and girls Potato Clubs.

Any school district, either through it's teacher or through anyone else in the community, by sending to the Farm Bureau Office at Smethport the names of five or more boys and girls who are willing to plant as a minimun one-tenth acre of potatoes may have what is called a Potato Club. Demonstrations and instructions will be given these boys and girls during the season concerning potato raising.

Prizes will be awarded in the fall of the year when the school fair will be held. Prizes cannot be announced at present, but will be awarded on the following basis:

Yield	30%
Exhibit of ten tubers	20%
Report	20%

Any boy or girl may send in their names stating to which school district they belong, or any boy or girls name may be sent by anyone.

The more important part is to get boys and girls to raise their share of food for the army.

Food will win the war.

Boys and Girls Pig Club.

The following banks: Grange National Bank, Smethport, Pa.; Hamlin Bank & Trust Company, Smethport, Kane Trust and Savings Company, Kane, Pa.; First National Bank, Kane, First National Bank, Port Allegany, Pa. have interviewed the County Agent in reference to the boys and girls pig club. In case any boy or girl does not have the money to pay fo rtheir pig this spring to start in the club work, the above banks have agreed to furnish the money to such boys and girls as are in the banking districts.

Any boy or girl who is between ten and eighteen years of age may become a member of the club. If the boy or girl cannot secure a pig in their own community, pigs will be gotten in from outside sources by a committee of the Farm Bureau.

The pigs will be weighed when the contest starts, which will be about May 1st and, will be fed until it is convenient in the fall of the year to hold a community day or picnic at which place the hogs will all be weighed; the everage daily gain, etc. be computed and prizes awarded.

At this time we cannot announce what the prizes will be, but they will be quite liberal and worth any boys or girls time to join the contest.

The basis of award of the prize is

Individual Merit	70%
Gain per day.	20%
Report	10%

Any boy or girl who wants to raise a pig and therefore make food for the soldiers who are doing our fighting, send their name to the Farm Bureau Office at Smethport as soon as possible.

Choice of Blessings.

The farmer wanted an almanac. The peddler who had those veracious chronicles for sale was very obliging in explaining their virtues. "I have here two different almanacs from which you may choose," he said. "One of them contains the most holidays, but the other contains the most good weather."

Sermon for the Virtuous.

We excuse the partial failure of our characters on the ground of their general success—we can afford to be a little bad who are so good. . . . Temper is the vice of the virtuous. Christ's sermon on the "elder brother" is evidently a sermon pointedly to the virtuous—not to make bad people good, but to make good people perfect. —Drummond.

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FOR SALE—Fine house on Willow street, 8 rooms with bath, orchard and fruit trees. Over half an acre of garden plot, large barn, would make fine private garage, Cement walks all round the place. Plenty of room for small Chicken farm, everything about the place is in fine shape. Price. $2000.00

FOR SALE—8 room house on Water street, fine location. Water, Gas, and bath, large lot. Will take part cash, balance to suit the purchaser. Price $1800.00

FOR SALE—House and lot East Smethport. 9 rooms. Natural Gas, fruit trees, about 1½ acres of ground, large new porch, newly painted. Opposite Union Church. Price $1200.00. $200.00 down, balance on easy payments.

48 acres, 5 room dwelling, about half way between Smethport and Port Allegany, large barn, splendid spring water, 50 apple trees, Spies and Baldwins, 35 acres under cultivation, about 1000 cord of wood. Price for land and buildings......$1500.00. Price with oil and gas right $2000.00 $300.00 cash; balance on terms to suit buyer.

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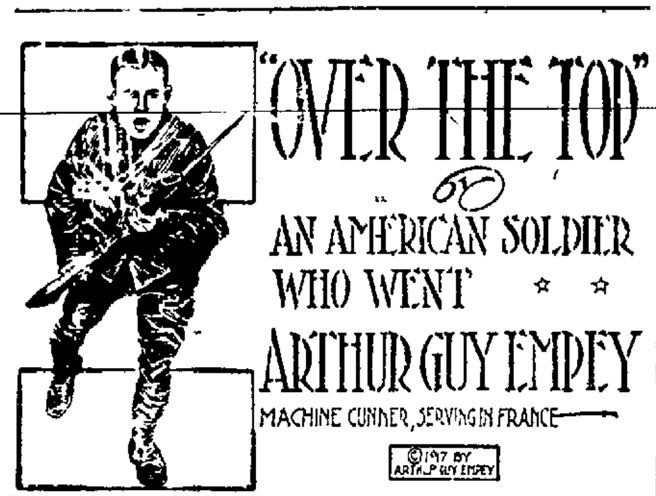


SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Fired by the news of the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine, Arthur Guy Empey an American leaves his office in Jersey City and goes to England where he enlists in the British army

CHAPTER II—After a period of training Empey volunteers for immediate service and soon finds himself in rest billets "somewhere in France," where he first makes the acquaintance of the ever present cooties

CHAPTER III—Empey attends his first church services at the front while a German Fokker circles over the congregation.

CHAPTER IV—Empey's command goes into the front line trenches and is under fire for the first time

CHAPTER V—Empey learns to adopt the motto of the British Tommy 'If you are going to get it, you'll get it, so never worry

CHAPTER VI—Back in rest billets, Empey gets his first experience as a mess orderly

CHAPTER VII—Empey learns how the British soldiers are fed

CHAPTER VIII—Back in the front line trench Empey sees his first friend of the trenches go West.'

CHAPTER IX—Empey makes his first visit to a dugout in 'Suicide Ditch '

CHAPTER X—Empey learns what constitutes a day's work" in the front line trench

CHAPTER XI—Empey goes" over the top for the first time in a charge on the German trenches and is wounded by a bayonet thrust.

CHAPTER XII—Empey joins the 'suicide club as the bombing squad is called

CHAPTER XIII—Each Tommy gets an official bath

CHAPTER XIV—Empey helps dig an advanced trench under German fire

CHAPTER XV—On 'listening post" in No Man's Land.

CHAPTER XVI—Two artillerymen "put one over' on Old Pepper their regimental commander

CHAPTER XVII—Empey has narrow escape while on patrol duty in No Man's Land

CHAPTER XVIII—Back in rest billets Empey writes and stages a fa [illegible] dy

CHAPTER XIX—Soldiers [illegible] ways to amuse themselves wh [illegible] own."

CHAPTER XX—Empey vo [illegible] machine gun service and goe [illegible] the front line trenches.

CHAPTER XXI—Empey a[illegible] "over the top in a charge whic[illegible] st [illegible] company 17 killed and 21 wounded.

CHAPTER XXII—Trick with a machine gun silences one bothersome Fritz.

CHAPTER XXIII—German attack, preceded by gas wave is repulsed

CHAPTER XXIV—Empey is forced to take part in an execution as a member of the firing squad

CHAPTER XXV—British prepare for the Big Push—the battle of the Somme.

CHAPTER XXVI—In a trench raid preceding the Big Push Empey is desperately wounded and lies unconscious in No Man's Land for 36 hours

CHAPTER XXVII—After four months in a British hospital Empey is discharged as 'physically unfit for further war service.

home saying that in the morning they were going over the top and also that if the letters reached their destination it would mean that the writer had been killed

These letters were turned over to the captain with instructions to mail same in the event of the writer's being killed. Some of the men made out their wills in their pay books under the caption 'Will and Last Testament '

Then the nerve-racking wait commenced Every now and then I would glance at the dial of my wrist watch and was surprised to see how fast the minutes passed by About five minutes to two I got nervous waiting for our guns to open up I couldn't take my eyes from my watch I crouched against the parapet and strained my muscles in a deathlike grip upon my rifle As the hands on my watch showed two o'clock a blinding red flare lighted up the sky in our rear then thunder intermixed with a sharp whistling sound in the air over our heads The shells from our guns were speeding on their way toward the German lines With one accord the men sprang up on the fire step and looked over the top in the direction of the German trenches A line of bursting shells lighted up No Man's Land The din was terrific and the ground trembled Then high above our heads we could hear a sighing moan Our big boys behind the line had opened up and 9.2's and 15-inch shells commenced dropping into the German lines The flash of the guns behind the lines, the scream of the shells through the air, and the flare of them, bursting was a spectacle that put Pain's greatest display into the shade The constant pup pup of German machine guns and an occasional rattle of rifle firing gave me the impression of a huge audience applauding the work of the batteries.

Our 18-pounders were destroying the German barbed wire while the heavier stuff was demolishing their trenches and bashing in dugouts or funk holes

Then Fritz got busy

Their shells went screaming overhead aimed in the direction of the flares from our batteries Trench mortars started dropping Minnies in our front line. We clicked several casualties Then they suddenly ceased Our artillery had taped or silenced them

During the bombardment you could almost read a newspaper in our trench Sometimes in the flare of a shell burst a man's body would be silhouetted against the parados of the trench and it appeared like a huge monster You could hardly hear yourself think When an order was to be passed down the trench you had to yell it using your hands as a funnel into the ear of the man sitting next to you on the fire step In about twenty minutes a generous rum issue was doled out After drinking the rum which tasted like varnish and sent a shudder through your frame you wondered why they made you wait until the lifting of the barrage before going over At ten minutes to four word was passed down 'Ten minutes to go!' Ten minutes to live! We were shivering a[illegible] My legs felt as if they were as[illegible] Then word was passed down 'Fi[illegible] wave get on and near the scaling ladders '

These were small wooden ladders which we had placed against the parapet to enable us to go over the top on the lifting of the barrage 'Ladders of death' we called them and veritably they were

Before a charge Tommy is the politest of men There is never any pushing or crowding to be first up these ladders We crouched around the base of the ladders waitin[illegible] the word to go over I was s[illegible] faint and was puffing away at an unlighted fag Then came the word 'Three minutes to go upon the lifting of the barrage and on the blast of the whistles 'Over the top with the best o' luck and give them hell!'" The famous phrase of the western front The Jonah phrase of the western front To Tommy it means if you are lucky enough to come back you will be minus an arm or a leg Tommy hates to be wished the best of luck; so, when peace is declared if it ever is and you meet a Tommy on the street just wish him the best of luck and duck the brick that follows

I glanced again at my wrist watch We all wore them and you could hardly call us "sissies' for doing so It was a minute to four I could see the hand move to the twelve then a dead silence It hurt Everyone looked up to see what had happened but not for long Sharp whistle blasts rang out along the trench and with a cheer the men scrambled up the ladders The bullets were cracking overhead and occasionally a machine gun would rip and tear the top of the sandbag parapet. How I got up that ladder I will never know The first ten feet out in front was agony Then we passed through lanes in our barbed wire I knew I was running but could feel no motion below the waist Patches on the ground seemed to float to the rear as if I were on a treadmill and scenery was rushing past me. The Germans had put a barrage of shrapnel across No Man's Land and you could hear the pieces slap the ground about you

After I had passed our barbed wire and gotten into No Man's Land a Tommy about fifteen feet to my right front turned around and looking in my direction put his hand to his mouth and yelled something which I could not make out on account of the noise from the bursting shells Then he coughed stumbled pitched forward and lay still His body seemed to float to the rear of me I could hear sharp cracks in the air about me These were caused by passing rifle bullets. Frequently, to my right and left, little spurts of dirt would rise into the air and a ricochet bullet would whine on its way If a Tommy should see one of these little spurts in front of him he would tell the nurse about it later The crossing of No Man's Land remains a blank to me

Men on my right and left would stumble and fall Some would try to get up while others remained huddled and motionless Then smashed up barbed wire came into view and seemed carried on a tide to the rear Suddenly in front of me loomed a bashed in trench about four feet wide Queer looking forms like mud turtles were scrambling up its wall One of these forms seemed to slip and then rolled to the bottom of the trench I leaped across this intervening space The man to my left seemed to pause in midair then pitched head down into the German trench I laughed out loud in my delirium Upon alighting on the other side of the trench I came to with a sudden jolt Right in front of me loomed a giant form with a rifle which looked about ten feet long on the end of which seemed seven bayonets These flashed in the air in front of me Then through my mind flashed the admonition of our bayonet instructor back in Blighty He had said 'Whenever you get in a charge and run your bayonet up to the hilt into a German the Fritz will fall Perhaps your rifle will be wrenched from your grasp Do not waste time if the bayonet is fouled in his equipment by putting your foot on his stomach and tugging at the rifle to extricate the bayonet Simply press the trigger and the bullet will free it ' In my present situation this was the logic, but for the life of me I could not remember how he had told me to get my bayonet into the German To me this was the paramount issue I closed my eyes and lunged forward My rifle was torn from my hands I must have gotten the German because he had disappeared About twenty feet to my left front was a huge Prussian nearly six feet four inches in height a fine specimen of physical manhood The bayonet from his rifle was missing but he clutched the barrel in both hands and was swinging the butt around his head I could almost hear the swish of the butt passing through the air Three little Tommies were engaged with him They looked like pigmies alongside of the Prussian The Tommy on the left was gradually circling to the rear of his opponent It was a funny sight to see them duck the swinging butt and try to jab him at the same time The Tommy nearest me received the butt of the German's rifle in a smashing blow below the right temple It smashed his head like an eggshell He pitched forward on his side and a convulsive shudder ran through his body Meanwhile the other Tommy had gained the rear of the Prussian Suddenly about four inches of bayonet protruded from the throat of the Prussian soldier who staggered forward and fell I will never forget the look of blank astonishment that came over his fa[illegible]

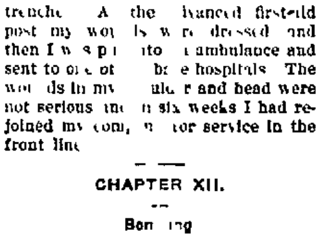
I [illegible] something hit me in the left [illegible] and my left side went numb I [illegible] as if a hot [illegible]ker was being [illegible] through me I felt no pain—just a sort of nervous shock A bayonet had [illegible] me from the rear I fell backward on the ground but was not unconscious, because I could see dim figures moving around me Then a flash of light in front of my eyes and unconsciousness Something had hit me on the head I have never found out what it was

I dreamed I was being tossed about in an open boat on a heaving sea and opened my eyes The moon was shining I was on a stretcher being carried down one of our communication trenches At the advanced first-aid post my wounds were dressed and then I was put into an ambulance and sent to one of the base hospitals The wounds in my shoulder and head were not serious and in six weeks I had rejoined my company for service in the front line

CHAPTER XII.

Bombing

The boys in the section welcomed me back but there were many strange faces. Several of our men had gone West in that charge and were lying "somewhere in France with a little wooden cross at their heads We were in rest billets. The next day our captain asked for volunteers for bombers' school I gave my name and was accepted I had joined the Suicide club, and my troubles commenced Thirty two men of the battalion including myself, were sent to L——, where we went through a course in bombing Here we were instructed in the uses, methods of throwing and manufacture of various kinds of hand grenades from the old "Jam tin now obsolete to the present Mills bomb the standard of the British army



Throwing Hand Grenades.

It all depends where you are as to what you are called In France they call you a bomber and give you medals while in neutral countries they call you an anarchist and give you 'life '

From the very start the Germans were well equipped with effective bombs and trained bomb throwers but the English army was as little prepared in this important department of fighting as in many others At bombing school an old sergeant of the Grenadier guards whom I had the good fortune to meet told me of the discouragements this branch of the service suffered before they could meet the Germans on an equal footing (Pacifists and small army people in the U S please read with care) The first English expeditionary forces had no bombs at all but had clicked a lot of casualties from those thrown by the Boches One bright morning someone higher up had an idea and issued an order detailing two men from each platoon to go to bombing school to learn the duties of a bomber and how to manufacture bombs Noncommissioned officers were generally selected for this course After about two weeks at school they returned to their units in rest billets or in the fire trench as the case might be, and got busy teaching their platoons how to make 'Jam tins"

Previously an order had been issued for all ranks to save empty jam tins for the manufacture of bombs A professor of bombing would sit on the fire step in the front trench with the remainder of his section, crowding around to see him work

On his left would be a pile of empty and rusty jam tins while beside him on the fire step would be a miscellaneous assortment of material used in the manufacture of the "Jam tins"

Tommy would stoop down get an empty "Jam tin take a handful of clayey mud from the parapet and line the inside of the tin with this substance Then he would reach over pick up his detonator and explosive and insert them in the tin fuse protruding On the fire step would be a pile of fragments of shell shrapnel balls bits of iron nails etc—anything that was hard enough to send over to Fritz, he would scoop up a handful of this junk and put it in the bomb Perhaps one of the platoon would ask him what he did this for and he would explain that when the bomb exploded these bits would fly about and kill or wound any German hit by same the questioner would immediately pull a button off his tunic and hand it to the bomb maker with, "Well blame me send this over as a souvenir,' or another Tommy would volunteer an old rusty and broken jackknife, both would be accepted and inserted

Then the professor would take another handful of mud and fill the tin after which he would punch a hole in the lid of the tin and put it over the top of the bomb the fuse sticking out Then perhaps he would tightly wrap wire around the outside of the tin and the bomb was ready to send over to Fritz with Tommy's compliments

A piece of wood about four inches wide had been issued This was to be strapped on the left forearm by means of two leather straps and was like the side of a match box It was called a striker ' There was a tip like the head of a match on the fuse of the bomb To ignite the fuse you had to rub it on the striker, just the same as striking a match The fuse was timed to five seconds or longer Some of the fuses issued in those days would burn down in a second or two while others would "sizz for a week before exploding Back in Blighty the munition workers weren't quite up to snuff the way they are now If the fuse took a notion to burn too quickly they generally buried the bomb maker next day So making bombs could not be called a "cushy" or safe job

After making several bombs the professor instructs the platoon in throwing them He takes a "jam tin" from the fire step, trembling a little, because it is nervous work, especially when new at it, lights the fuse on his striker The fuse begins to 'sizz' and sputter and a spiral of smoke, like that from a smoldering fag rises from it The platoon splits in two and ducks around the traverse nearest to them They don't like the looks and sound of the burning fuse When that fuse begins to smoke and "sizz' you want to say good by to it as soon as possible, so Tommy with all his might chucks it over the top and crouches against the parapet, waiting for the explosion

Lots of times in bombing the "Jam tin' would be picked up by the Germans before it exploded, and thrown back at Tommy with dire results

After a lot of men went West in this manner an order was issued reading something like this

'To all ranks in the British army After igniting the fuse and before throwing the jam tin bomb, count slowly one' two' three'

This in order to give the fuse time enough to burn down so that the bomb would explode before the Germans could throw it back

Tommy read the order—he reads them all, but after he ignited the fuse and it began to smoke—orders were forgotten, and away she went in record time and back she came to the further discomfort of the thrower

Then another order was issued to count, "one hundred! two hundred! three hundred!" But Tommy didn't care if the order read to count up to a thousand by quarters, he was going to get rid of that "Jam tin" because from experience he had learned not to trust it.

When the powers that be realized that they could not change Tommy they decided to change the type of bomb and did so—substituting the "hair brush" the "cricket ball ' and later the Mills bomb

The standard bomb used in the British army is the 'Mills It is about the shape and size of a large lemon Although not actually a lemon Fritz insists that it is, perhaps he judges it by the havoc caused by its explosion The Mills bomb is made of steel the outside of which is corrugated into 48 small squares which upon the explosion of the bomb scatter in a wide area wounding or killing any Fritz who is unfortunate enough to be hit by one of the flying fragments

Although a very destructive and efficient bomb the Mills has the confidence of the thrower in that he knows it will not explode until released from his grip

It is a mechanical device, with a lever fitted into a slot at the top which extends half way around the circumference and is held in place at the bottom by a fixing pin In this pin there is a small metal ring for the purpose of extracting the pin when ready to throw

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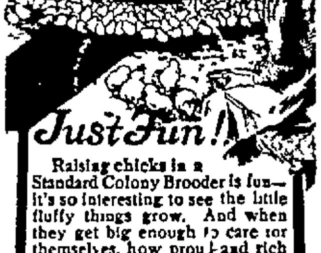

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PORT ALLEGANY

Brief Rewrites from the Papers of that Town Concerning Interesting Happenings

Private Charles Burtch is the second Port Allegany youth to give his life for his country He died in France of pneumonia and was 27 years of age His father was Ed Burtch a contractor accidently killed a number of years ago his mother Mrs Matt Coleman survives Memorial services were conducted in his memory Sunday afternoon

Marion Edgar 11 years old daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Edgar, died Thursday after a brief illness with diphtheria She was a bright and beautiful girl

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth June daughter of Mr and Mrs H A June to Roy Evans of Olean was solemnized Saturday evening

Mrs Eva Connolly and Earl Magee were married in Olean Saturday

John G Hill after years of work in a planing mill met with his first accident Saturday when nearly an inch from his [illegible] thumb was cut off by a saw

Two members of the Edgar family died with diphtheria and other members of the family are well nigh death with the same malady The premises are strictly quarantined

Mr and Mrs Joe R Seyler and child have gone to Wyoming with the idea of locating if they like the country

HUTCHINS

Notes about people you know—Where they come from and where they are going

Mrs G Hartman was the guest of her daughter Mrs Karl Hines of Mt Jewett on Friday

Mrs George Simons and children of Ridgway are visiting her parents Mr and Mrs M Rathburn

Mrs M Larson was a Bradford visitor on Wednesday

Mrs Syler has returned to her home in Shinglehouse after spending a few days here with her son W Madison and family

Miss Bernice McChesney was a Mt Jewett caller Saturday

Miss Lillian Larson was a Ridgway visitor Thursday

Mrs [illegible] LaValle and children of Mt Jewett were in town Thursday

T H Fisher was a Mt Jewett caller Saturday

Norman McChesney was a Ridgway visitor two evenings of last week

William Madison returned from Shinglehouse on Monday where he spent Sunday with his mother

Mrs A Button was a Mt Jewett shopper Monday

Frank McChesney of Ridgway was a business visitor in town Tuesday

Clifford Crooks of DuBois was in town on Monday

COLEGROVE

Pleasant Surprise Party—Mr Burdick Took a Joy Ride—Jolly Time Saturday Night

Miss Margaret Sartwell was a guest of Misses Edna and Grace Wilson Saturday

Miss Reta Anderson is home from Clarion Normal

A party of ladies very pleasantly surprised Mrs W H Edmunds Monday the occasion being her birthday The ladies brought excellent refreshments and a very jolly time was enjoyed by all

We notice that since Mr Burdick's joy ride two of the principal beauty spots on our illustrious state highway have been nicely filled Come again Mr Burdick

Miss Edna Anderson spent Saturday evening as a guest of Miss Pauline Manwarning

Colegrove was well represented at the basket ball game Saturday evening We certainly enjoyed the game played by the specialty team The ladies surely ought to entertain us again

[illegible] A Anderson was a guest of F S Benson Saturday evening Al and Fred were there too and there was a jolly time in the old town

Miss [illegible] Anderson is a Smethport visitor this week

Wanted by the school children a different plan for spending the latter part of Thursday afternoon

Everyone is cordially invited to attend special services at Crosby Sunday evening at 7 45

[illegible] Donnell is able to be around again after a serious illness of some weeks

C [illegible] Everitt leaves this week for Eldred where he has accepted a mail route Edwin Strahburg expects to assume duties on Route No 1 from this office

Mrs H F Fleming is a guest of her parents Mr and Mrs G C Mason

A Swedish Easter service will be held at the Colegrove church next Sunday afternoon at 3 30 o clock

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our neighbors and friends for the assistance given us and the kindness and sympathy shown us during our recent bereavement also for the [illegible] floral tributes

Mr and Mrs F C Day
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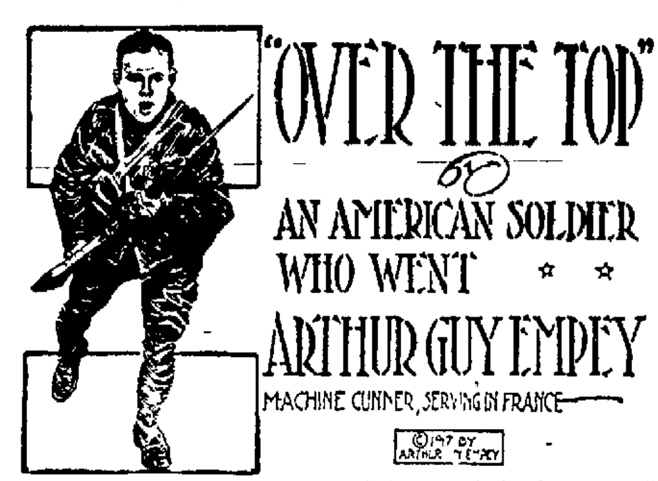
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You do not throw a bomb the way a baseball is thrown because when in a narrow trench your hand is liable to strike against the parados, traverse or parapet and then down goes the bomb and in a couple of seconds or so up goes Tommy

In throwing the bomb and lever are grasped in the right hand the left foot is advanced knee stiff about one and a half its length to the front while the right leg knee bent is carried slightly to the right The left arm is extended at an angle of 45 degrees pointing in the direction the bomb is to be thrown This position is similar to that of shot putting only that the right arm is extended downward Then you hurl the bomb from you with an overhead bowling motion the same as in cricket throwing it fairly high in the air this in order to give the fuse a chance to burn down so that when the bomb lands it immediately explodes and gives the Germans no time to scamper out of its range or to return it

As the bomb leaves your hand the lever, by means of a spring, is projected into the air and falls harmlessly to the ground a few feet in front of the bomber

When the lever flies off it releases a strong spring which forces the firing pin into a percussion cap This ignites the fuse which burns down and sets off the [illegible] with [illegible] the main charge [illegible]

The average Englishman is not an expert at throwing it is all new to him Therefore the Canadians and Americans [illegible] from their infancy [illegible] rally to bomb throwing [illegible] in this act A six foot Englishman will stand in awed silence when he sees a little five foot [illegible] Canadian outdistance his throw by several yards I have read a few war stories of bombing where baseball pitchers curved their bombs when throwing them but a pitcher who can do this would make Christy Mathewson look like a piker and is losing valuable time playing in the European War bush league when he would be able to set the 'big league' on fire

We had a cushy time while at this school In fact to us it was a regular vacation and we were very sorry when one morning the adjutant ordered us to report at headquarters for transportation and rations to return to our units up the line

Arriving at our section the boys once again tendered us the glad mitt, but looked at us out of the corners of their eyes They could not conceive as they expressed it how a man could be such a blinking idiot as to join the Suicide club I was beginning to feel sorry that I had become a member of said club and my life to me appeared doubly precious

Now that I was a sure-enough bomber I was praying for peace and hoping that my services as such would not be required

CHAPTER XIII.

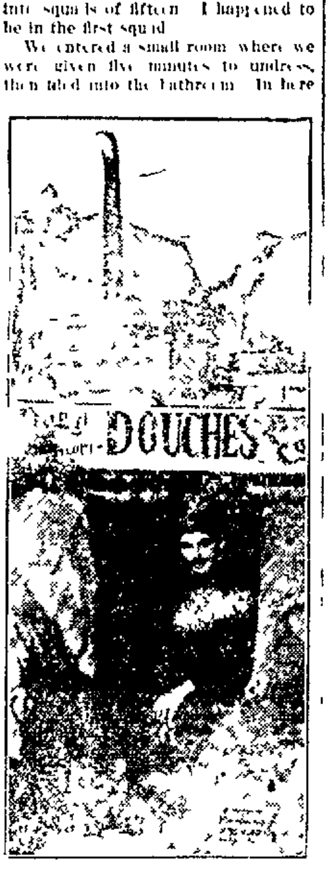
My First Official Bath

Right behind our rest billet was a large creek about ten feet deep and twenty feet across and it was a habit of the company to avail themselves of an opportunity to take a swim and at the same time thoroughly wash themselves and their underwear when on their own We were having a spell of hot weather, and these baths to us were a luxury The Tommies would splash around in the water and then come out and sit in the sun and have what they termed a "shirt hunt" At first we tried to drown the "cooties" but they also seemed to enjoy the bath.

One Sunday morning the whole section was in the creek and we were having a gay time, when the sergeant major appeared on the scene He came to the edge of the creek and ordered "Come out of it. Get your equipment on, 'drill order,' and fall in for bath parade Look lively, my hearties You have only got fifteen minutes" A howl of indignation from the creek greeted this order but out we came Discipline is discipline We lined up in front of our billet with rifles and bayonets (why you need rifles and bayonets to take a bath gets me) a full quota of ammunition and our tin hats. Each man had a piece of soap and a towel After an eight kilo march along a dusty road with an occasional shell whistling overhead we arrived at a little squat frame building upon the bank of a creek Nailed over the door of this building was a large sign which read "Divisional Baths" In a wooden shed in the rear we could hear a wheezy old engine pumping water

We lined up in front of the baths soaked with perspiration and piled our rifles into stacks A sergeant of the R A M C with a yellow band around his left arm on which was "S P" (sanitary police) in black letters took charge ordering us to take off our equipment unroll our puttees and unlace boots Then starting from the right of the line he divided us into squads of fifteen I happened to be in the first squad

We entered a small room where we were given five minutes to undress, then filed into the bathroom In here there were fifteen tubs (barrels sawed in two) half full of water Each tub contained a piece of laundry soap The sergeant informed us that we had just twelve minutes in which to take our baths Soaping ourselves all over we took turns in rubbing each other's backs, then by means of a garden hose, washed the soap off The water was ice cold but felt fine



A Bathroom at the Front

Pretty soon a bell rang and the water was turned off Some of the slower ones were covered with soap but this made no difference to the sergeant, who chased us into another room, where we lined up in front of a little window resembling the box office in a theater and received clean underwear and towels From here we went into the room where we had first undressed Ten minutes were allowed in which to get into our "clabber"

My pair of drawers came up to my chin and the shirt barely reached my diaphragm but they were clean—no strangers on them so I was satisfied

At the expiration of the time allotted we were turned out and finished our dressing on the grass

When all of the company had bathed it was a case of march back to billets. That march was the most uncongenial one imagined, just cussing and blinding all the way We were covered with white dust and felt greasy from sweat. The woolen underwear I had was itching like the mischief

After eating our dinner of stew, which had been kept for us—it was now four o clock—we went into the creek and had another bath.

If "Holy Joe" could have heard our remarks about the divisional baths and army red tape he would have fainted at our wickedness But Tommy is only human after all

I just mentioned Holy Joe or the chaplain in an irreverent sort of way but no offense was meant as there were some very brave men among them.

There are so many instances of heroic deeds performed under fire in rescuing the wounded that it would take several books to chronicle them but I have to mention one instance performed by a chaplain Captain Hall by name, in the brigade on our left because it particularly appealed to me.

A chaplain is not a fighting man; he is recognized as a noncombatant and carries no arms In a charge or trench raid the soldier gets a feeling of confidence from contact with his rifle revolver or bomb he is carrying He has something to protect himself with something with which he can inflict harm on the enemy—in other words, he is able to get his own back

But the chaplain is empty handed and is at the mercy of the enemy if he encounters them, so it is doubly brave for him to go over the top under fire and bring in wounded Also a chaplain is not required by the king's regulations to go over in a charge, but this one did made three trips under the hottest kind of fire each time returning with a wounded man on his back On the third trip he received a bullet through his left arm but never reported the matter to the doctor until late that night—just spent his time administering to the wants of the wounded lying on stretchers

The chaplains of the British army are a fine manly set of men and are greatly respected by Tommy

CHAPTER XIV.

Picks and Shovels.

I had not slept long before the sweet voice of the sergeant informed that "No 1 section had clicked for another blinking digging party" I smiled to myself with deep satisfaction I had been promoted from a mere digger to a member of the Suicide club and was exempt from all fatigues Then came an awful shock The sergeant looked over in my direction and said

"Don't you bomb throwers think you are wearing top hats out here [illegible] in to orders you've been taken up on the strength of this section and will have to do your bit with the pick and shovel same as the rest of us"

I put up a howl on my way to get my shovel but the only thing that resulted was a loss of good humor on my part

We fell in at eight o clock outside of our billets a sort of masquerade party I was disguised as a common laborer had a pick and shovel and about one hundred empty sandbags There [illegible] two hundred in all [illegible] picks shovels [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to the communication [illegible] looked at my illuminated wrist watch—it was eleven o'clock

Before entering this trench word was passed down the line no talking or smoking lead off in single file covering party first

This covering party consisted of 30 men armed with rifles bayonets bombs and two Lewis machine guns They were to protect us and guard against a surprise attack while digging in No Man's Land

The communication trench was about half a mile long a zigzagging ditch eight feet deep and three feet wide

Now and again German shrapnel would whistle overhead and burst in our vicinity We would crouch against the earthen walls while the shell fragments [illegible] around us

Once Fritz turned loose with a machine gun the bullets from which "cracked" through the air and kicked up the dirt on the top scattering sand and pebbles which hitting our steel helmets sounded like hailstones

Upon arrival in the fire trench an officer of the Royal Engineers gave us our instructions and acted as guide

We were to dig an advanced trench two hundred yards from the Germans (the trenches at this point were six hundred yards apart)

Two winding lanes five feet wide had been cut through our barbed wire, for the passage of the diggers From these lanes white tape had been laid on the ground to the point where we were to commence work This in order that we would not get lost in the darkness The proposed trench was also laid out with tape

The covering party went out first After a short wait two scouts came back with information that the working party was to follow and "carry on" with their work

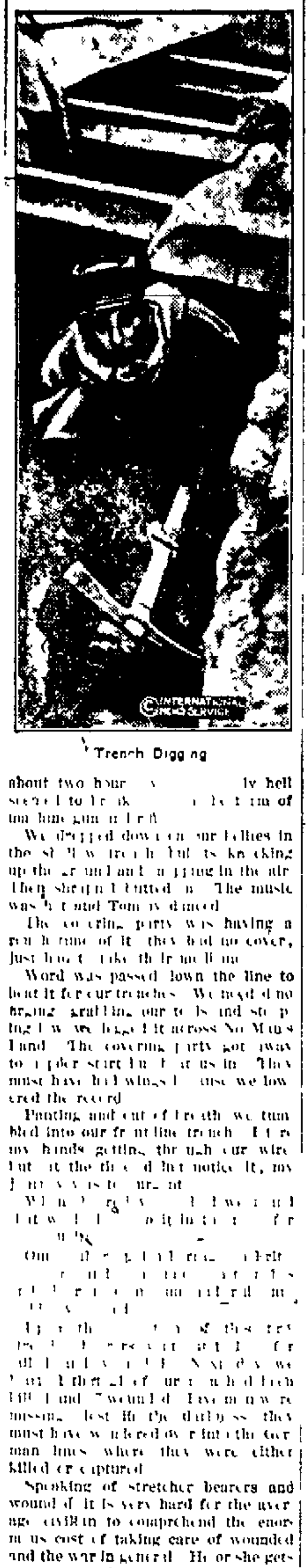
In extended order, two yards apart we noiselessly crept across No Man's Land It was nervous work, every minute we expected a machine gun to open fire on us Stray bullets "cracked" around us, or a ricochet sang overhead

Arriving at the taped diagram of the trench, rifles slung around our shoulders, we lost no time in getting to work We dug as quietly as possible but every now and then the noise of a pick or shovel striking a stone would send the cold shivers down our backs Under our breaths we heartily cursed the offending Tommy

At intervals a star shell would go up from the German lines and we would remain motionless until the glare of its white light died out

When the trench had reached a depth of two feet we felt safer because it would afford us cover in case we were discovered and fired on

The digging had been in progress about two hours [illegible] ly hell seemed to break [illegible] of machine guns on our left



Trench Digging

We dropped down on our bellies in the shallow trench [illegible] knocking up the ground and [illegible] in the air Then shrapnel butted in The music was on and Tommy danced

The covering party was having a rough time of it they had no cover, just had to take their [illegible]

Word was passed down the line to beat it for our trenches We needed no urging grabbing our tools and [illegible] we legged it across No Man's Land The covering party got away to a poor start but beat us in They must have had wings because we lowered the record

Panting and out of breath we tumbled into our front line trench I tore my hands getting through our wire but at the time did not notice it, my [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Next day we [illegible] our [illegible] killed and [illegible] wounded [illegible] were missing, lost in the darkness they must have wandered over into the German lines where they were either killed or captured

Speaking of stretcher bearers and wounded it is very hard for the average civilian to comprehend the enormous cost of taking care of wounded and the war in general He or she gets so accustomed to seeing billions of dollars in print that the significance of the amount is passed over without thought

From an official statement published in one of the London papers it is stated that it costs between six and seven thousand pounds ($30,000 to $35,000) to kill or wound a soldier This [illegible] the cost of the war to date and dividing it by the killed and wounded

It seems inhuman [illegible] but it is a fact nevertheless that from a military standpoint it is better for a man to be killed than wounded

If a man is killed he is buried and the responsibility of the government ceases excepting for the fact that his people receive a pension But if a man is wounded it takes three men from the firing line the wounded man and two men to carry him to the rear to the advanced first aid post Here he is attended by a doctor perhaps assisted by two R A M C men Then he is put into a motor ambulance manned by a crew of two or three At the field hospital where he generally goes under an anesthetic either to have his wounds cleaned or to be operated on he requires the services of about three to five persons From this point another ambulance ride impresses more men in his service and then at the ambulance train another corps of doctors R A M C men Red Cross nurses and the train's crew From the train he enters the base hospital or casualty clearing station, where a good sized corps of doctors, nurses etc, are kept busy Another ambulance journey is next in order—this time to the hospital ship He crosses the channel arrives in Blighty—more ambulances and perhaps a ride for five hours on an English Red Cross train with its crew of Red Cross workers and at last he reaches the hospital Generally he stays from two to six months or longer in this hospital From here he is sent to a convalescent home for six weeks

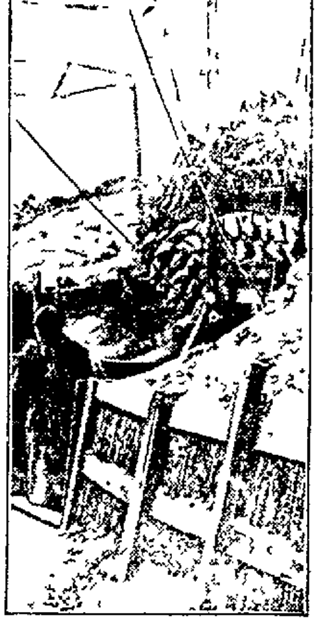
If by wounds he is unfitted for further service he is discharged given a pension or committed to a soldiers' home for the rest of his life—and still the expense piles up When you realize that all the ambulances trains and ships not to mention the man power used in transporting a wounded man could be used for supplies ammunition and reinforcements for the troops at the front it will not appear strange that from a strictly military standpoint a dead man is sometimes better than a live one (if wounded)

Not long after the first digging party our general decided after a careful tour of inspection of the communication trenches, upon "an ideal spot" as he termed it for a machine-gun emplacement, took his map made a dot on it and as he was wont, wrote "dig here" and the next night we dug

There were twenty in the party myself included Armed with picks, shovels and empty sandbags we arrived at the 'ideal spot' and started digging The moon was very bright but we did not care as we were well out of sight of the German lines

We had gotten about three feet down when the fellow next to me after a mighty stroke with his pick let go of the handle and pinched his nose with his thumb and forefinger at the same time letting out the explosion "Gott strafe me pink I'm bloody well gassed not 'alf I ain't" I quickly turned in his direction with an inquiring look at the same instant reaching for my gas bag I soon found out what was ailing him One whiff was enough and I lost no time in also pinching my nose The stench was awful The rest of the digging party dropped their picks and shovels and beat it for the weather side of that solitary pick The officer came over and inquired why the work had suddenly ceased holding our noses we simply pointed in the direction of the smell He went over to the pick immediately clapped his hand over his nose made an "about turn" and came back Just then our captain came along and investigated but after about a minute said we had better carry on with the digging that he did not see why we should have stopped as the odor was very faint, but if necessary he would allow us our gas helmets while digging He would stay and see the thing through but he had to report back to brigade headquarters immediately We wished that we were captains and also had a date at brigade headquarters With our gas helmets on we again attacked that hole and uncovered the decomposed body of a German the pick was sticking in his chest One of the men fainted I was that one Upon this our lieutenant halted proceedings and sent word back to headquarters and word came back that after we filled in the hole we could knock off for the night This was welcome tidings to us because—

Next day the general changed the dot on his map and the emplacement was completed the following night



Entrance to a Dugout

The odor from the decomposed human [illegible] it is hard to describe It first produces a nauseating feeling which especially after eating causes vomiting This relieves you temporarily but soon a weakening sensation follows which leaves you limp as a dishrag Your spirits are at their lowest ebb and you feel a sort of hopelessness and a mad desire to escape it all to get to the open fields and the perfume of the flowers in Blighty There is a sharp prickling sensation in the nostrils which reminds one of breathing coal gas through a radiator in the floor and you want to sneeze but cannot This was the effect on me, surmounted by a vague horror of the awfulness of the thing and an ever recurring reflection that perhaps I, sooner or later, would be in such a state and be brought to light by the blow of a pick in the hands of some Tommy on a digging party.

Several times I have experienced this odor, but never could get used to it, the enervating sensation was always present It made me hate war and wonder why such things were countenanced by civilization and all the spice and glory of the conflict would disappear, leaving the grim reality But after leaving the spot and filling your lungs with deep breaths of pure fresh air you forget and once again want to be 'up and at them'"

CHAPTER XV.

Listening Post.

It was six in the morning when we arrived at our rest billets and we were allowed to sleep until noon, that is, if we wanted to go without our breakfast For sixteen days we remained in rest billets digging roads drilling and other fatigues and then back into the front line trench

Nothing happened that night but the next afternoon I found out that a bomber is general utility man in a section

About five o'clock in the afternoon our lieutenant came down the trench and stopping in front of a bunch of us on the fire step, with a broad grin on his face, asked

"Who is going to volunteer for listening post tonight? I need two men."

It is needless to say no one volunteered, because it is anything but a cushy job I began to feel uncomfortable as I knew it was getting around for my turn Sure enough, with another grin, he said

"Empey you and Wheeler are due, so come down into my dugout for instructions at six o clock."

Just as he left and was going around a traverse, Fritz turned loose with a machine gun and the bullets ripped the sandbags right over his head It gave me great pleasure to see him duck against the parapet He was getting a taste of what we would get later out in front.

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PORT ALLEGANY

Editor Laymond Was Taken Suddenly Ill—Items from the Reporter.

Editor C. O. Laymon was suddenly stricken with illness in the Pennsylvania station Saturday, March 30, and for a time was in a serious condition. He was taken to his home and Dr. James V. Otto attended him. Mr. Laymon's condition gradually improved until Tuesday when Dr. Allen of Olean was called in consultation with Dr. Otto and the patient was examined and the ailment pronounced toxuemania, according to the Reporter. At last reports Mr. Laymon was still gainink.

The marriage of Miss Maude Nunn to Roy Ellison took place Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Presbyterian Manse, by the Rev. M. B. Bubb. The attendants were Miss Gladys Nunn, sister of the bride and Leonard Ellison, brother of the groom. Their friends are extending congratulations and best wishes.

Mrs. Gus Dannelson and Mrs. Carl Sanberg and daughter Alice and Carl Swanson passed Sunday at Smethport the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Comes of Smethport motored here Sunday and passed the day the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holden and daughter Arlene.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Cromwell and daughter Helen returned home Saturday from Smethport where they were guests of friends for a few days.

Miss Edith and Esther Larson returned home Monday from Smethport where they passed a few days the guest of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Gordon Studholme and daughters, Mary and Margaret left Saturday for Smethport, where they passed a few days the guest of relatives.

Miss Agnes Finigan of Smethport passed Monday in town the guest of Mrs. Rose Robert.

Theodore Antonson made a business trip to Smethport on Friday.

FARMERS VALLEY

State Deputy Cornell Visited Valley Grange Friday Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Beckwith and daughter Nancy and son Earl of Olean were guests of Mrs. J. B. Roeder Sunday.

Master Raymond Bray who has been quite ill is improving.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. D. W. Derby on Thursday. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Fred Digels on Thursday, April 18.

State Deputy Cornell met with Valley Grange on Friday evening. After a very interesting talk warm sugar and biscuits were served. It is expected that his talk will be instrumental in securing new members for the grange.

Mrs. D. Leo Tormey and Miss Esther Olson of Portville spent Sunday with Mrs. B. W. Richmond.

Fred Digel was a visitor in Olean on Thursday.

Mr. Tormey and niece Miss Bassett of Ulysses visited Mrs. Bray on Wednesday, enroute to Rew where they will visit Mr. Marion Tormey.

A new flag pole was raised at the Moore school on Tuesday.

CORYVILLE

Their Grandson Gave Life For His Country—Personals.

Mrs. Mae Williams and daughter Lillian of Jamestown are guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cory.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hibbard returned home Monday from Belmont where they attended the funeral of their grandson, Loyd Willis, who died at training camp in Ohio last Friday.

Mrs. Carrie Hall and children of Olean returned home Friday after a weeks isit with her uncle, J. A. Sparks and wife.

Miss Zana Kent of Portville was a guest of Nellie Norton Saturday.

J. A. Sparks was in Smethport Saturday.

Geo. Parker is on the sick list.

Miss Mary Moody has been confined to her home the past week with a hard cold.

Mrs. Myrtle Rice and children of Smethport were guests of her sister, Mrs. M. E. Sparks one day last week.

Mrs. E. G. Fairchild was in Eldred Thursday of last week.

HUTCHINS

Returned to Cleveland—Home From Ridgway—Little Girl Arrived.

Mrs. M. Rathburn spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. E. Carlson of Westline.

Rev. C. J. Zetler of Hazelhurst held services in the M. E. Church Friday evening.

John Widert returned to Cleveland O. Wednesday after spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Martin Widert.

J. McChesney returned from Shinglehouse where he has been the past week.

Emil Hartman was a business visitor in Mt. Jewett Monday.

Mrs. Robert Henderson of Bradford spent a few days with her sister Mrs. Thomas Plyler.

Master Robert McChesney returned home Monday after spending some time with his grandparents at Ridgway.

Mrs. W. J. Caverly and two sons Nole and Dale of Mt. Jewett spent the day in town Saturday with Mr. Caverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vickery are the proud parents of a daughter born Saturday, April 6th.

William Madison left for Shinglehouse Saturday where he has accepted a position.

Miss Anna Anderson spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Lamont.

Miss Mary Zimmerman of Hallton arrived Monday morning to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. N. E. McChesney.

Wilson Fink and Chas. Grant were Mt. Jewett callers, Saturday.

BUSH HILL

Social Doings of a Week Among People You Know.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Waite of Chellicothe, Ohio, are visiting the later's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Cleveland of Pierce Brook.

Nellie Smith called on Marie Hooley Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reynolds and son Edward was seen on our roads Saturday.

Mrs. Anna McKiernan spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Peter Fay and family.

William Smith returned to his police duties in Olean, N. Y., after a weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Smith.

Mrs. Jane Van Sickles was seen on our roads Sunday.

Elizabeth Kessler, Ethel Love and Frances Cory visited the Bush Hill School Friday.

Florence VanSickles and Mrs. A. G. Sebring visited Friends in Pierce Brook Sunday.

LA FAYETTE

Dog Poisoners Seem to be Busy In This Locality.

Clair Hoop who has been employed at Ridgway has resigned his position there and returned to his home here.

Miss Christine Anderson who spent the week end at the home of her cousin J. E. Anderson returned to Lewis Run Monday where she is employed as teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beeman spent the week end in Bradford.

Mr. F. G. Tenny was in Bradford

Harry Collins of Buffalo spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. F. G. Tenny.

Mrs. Cornelia Woodward who is spending some time with her daughter Mrs. Park Brisco at Allen, Pa., spent Sunday here.

Dr. Cleveland of Mt. Jewett was in town Monday.

W. L. Myers who has been conducting a grocery and general store at Aiken has moved his household goods to that place where he will reside.

Past State Lecturer A. M. Cornell gave a very good talk at Grange hall last Tuesday before a good sized audience.

A dance was held in Grange hall last Friday which was enjoyed by a fair sized crowd.

Miss Margaret O'Connell of Mt. Alton furnished the music and the ladies of the Grange served refreshments consisting of hot biscuits, maple sugar, coffee and pickles.

Several dogs in the neighborhood have died in a mysterious manner during the past week. Circumstantial evidence would lead one to think that poison was administered to them as they all were well a couple of hours previous to their deaths and all did in the same manner. Those whose dogs have died are A. H. Walker, J. R. Beeman and N. B. Hoop.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keyser of Bradford were in town Friday evening to attend the dance in the Grange Hall.

Miss Orpha Black was ill for several days last week.

Mrs. Frances Speer and Mrs. Samuel Noles left Saturday for Pittsburgh for a visit with the latter's children Helen and Charles who are attending school there. Before returning home they will visit New York and Atlantic City.

CROSBY

Many People are Coming and Going—All the News.

Mis Grace Winslow went to Buffalo last Thursday guests of Mrs. Gertrude Natello.

Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. German and son's Harold and Ronald went to Deluth Thursday, will be absent for a few weeks.

Carlyle Sawyer of Smethport called on friends in Crosby and Colegrove Saturday.

Ablin Anderson was greeting his many friends in Crosby for a few hours last Thursday.

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Mrs. Frank Gronalds of Port Allegany was visiting her husband over Sunday returning to Port Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Razey have moved to Norwich Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Grinolds and children returned from Colesburg Tuesday.

The W. C. T. U. meets in the M. E. church this Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas McGowan called on Miss Velma Wilcox Friday night.

F. B. Grantier visited his daughter, Lydia in Larabee over Sunday.

Miss Mildred Wilcox of Wernwag school visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wilcox over Sunday.

Rev. Simon of Persia Asia, gave a very interesting talk in the M. E. church Sunday.

The many friends of Mrs. B. W. Heinemann are glad to welcome her back again.

N. L. Marsh spent Sunday at his home.

Mr. Chas McGowan went to Indiana Pa., to visit his father.

The "Merry Maids" Sunday School class gave a birthday party at the home of Mrs. Clara Wilcox in honor of Miss Ida Timmermann and Mrs. Clara Wilcox, a delicious lunch was served and all reported a nice time.

Gilbert the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kilcoin is on the sick list.

There will be a shipment of Red Cross articles on Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Mary Ramsby is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. L. Herzog led a temperance meeting Sunday night.

Mr. Madras Stranberg was calling on Gerald Wilcox Sunday.

Mrs. Hannah White is visiting her daughter Mrs. Bertha Marsh.

NORWICH

News of the Week Told in Short Paragraphs.

Dr. Frank Seely was a business visitor in Galeton this week.

Doris Lewis a soldier from Camp Hancock Georgia was visiting W. T. Brown and family this week.

Orpha Brown of Emporium was visiting Mr. Mr. W. T. Brown and family over Sunday.

Mr. John Leanord was an Emporium business visitor Monday.

Ruth Sietler has returned from Salamanca.

The Young people of Norwich held a Pre-Nuptial shower Saturday evening for Esther Williams.

Pansy Armstrong has returned after a weeks visit in Emporium and Olean.

Pete Perdon of Sheffield is visiting his brother and family.

Albert Zeaman of Elmira is a Business visitor in town this week.

Mr. Joe Riely and family of Medix Run Motored over and spent Sunday with Mrs. Riely's parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. DeLong.

Duff Bricker moved his family from Betula and are living in the house vacated by J. D. Hane's

Wm. Blake has returned from Galeton and went to work for the P. C. R. R. Co.

Lyle Ely sold his Reo Car to Paul Campbell.

Miss Minard of Emporium was over the first of the week and bought a horse of J. F. Armstrong for the Etna Co., of Emporium.

August Kline the butcher at Nordstroms store has moved his family to Roulette.

CARD OF THANKS.

I take this way of thanking the neighbors and friends for their kind assistance during the death of our mother.
J. H. Stratton.

Wanted: Packing Straw by Sergeant Glass Co., Burrows, Pa. tf.

"Over The Top"

In speed, Beauty, Power and Durability.

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"The Bear Cat"

The R. S. Motorcycle is recognized as the Standard Machine.

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READING STANDARD CO.,
Reading Penna.

CHAS. T. FREDERICK,
Distributor for McKean Co.
Ormsby, Pa.

SPRING MILLINERY.

Here you will find the season's dainty fancies, the pick of the choice creations, in the fashion markets of the country. Come in, see them, try them on. Your style is here. Come and get it.
CARRIE CLARK.
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CHOICE CANDY
AND
BAKED GOODS
AT
BRASTED'S
Bakery

Having bought the
GROCERY BUSINESS
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I intend to keep a full line of staple and fancy Groceries.

Come in and let us tell you how to save 60 per cent on your grocery bill.

WALTER C. DALY
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SMETHPORT, PA.

Demonstration and Repair Day
APRIL 11 and 12, 1918.

At this time when the world is passing thru the greatest crisis it ever experienced, when food, energy and all resources must be conserved, let us stop, look and consider.

Fats are the most necessary to all human as well as animal beings—of all fats, Butter fat is one of the most valuable.

How are you going to get all this valuable butter fat if your cream separator is out of order and which must be turned at a certain speed.

Realizing the conditions as they confront us I have decided to do my little bit, and have arranged with the

SHARPLES SEPARATOR CO.

to have their expert at my store at Smethport, Pa., on

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 AND FRIDAY APRIL 12, 1918

and request all Sharples users to bring their machines in on these dates and have him go over and put them in first-class shape.

THE SERVICE WILL BE FREE TO YOU.

I have also arranged to have their demonstrator here to demonstrate the

SHARPLES SUCTION FEED.

which is the latest and most wonderful improvement over all Separators, a machine which will skim clean at all speeds and guards you against any possible loss.

For Sale By.

CHAS. W. MASSER,
Hardware

HAVE YOU A BANK ACCOUNT?

HAVE you ever thought how many of your acquaintances have regular bank accounts? If you have never had the convenience of an Account at this Bank, now is the time to accept our cordial invitation and open an account. Every service of a banking nature is rendered by this Institution and positive security for money is assured. Begin with the year 1918 and make your Banking an important matter in the management of your affairs. We welcome deposits in any amount and serve the small depositor with the same accuracy and promptness as the depositer of large funds.

THE SERVICE OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL PLEASE.

3per cent paid on your savings in any amount

Hamlin Bank and Trust Company
The Pioneer Bank
SMETHPORT, PA.

THE M. S. GEARY
REAL ESTATE and EXCHANGE AGENCY
SMETHPORT, PA.
OFFICE HOTEL IMPERIAL

My business will be to bring the buyer and seller together. If you have anything to sell list the property with me.. I expect to carry on an extensive campaign for the sale of all kinds of

REAL ESTATE, HOUSES AND LOTS, TIMBER LANDS, OIL AND GAS PROPERTY, HORSES, AND AUTOMOBILES.

In fact anything you have to sell or want to exchange, list the property with me and I will find the buyer. All charges will be on a small commission basis. Come in and talk it over.

Fine building lot, East Smethport near Penna Depot. 21 by 165. Price $250.00

Dwelling House, East Smethport, Price $400.00.

3 Building Lots East Smethport. Price each $50.00.

Several Building lots on North St. Green St. Church St. and State St. Prices from $125.00 to $350.00.

30 Acres near Rixford. 12 acres cleared, balance in timber, estimated to cut from 700 to 1000 cords chemical wood. Price $600.00.

40 Acres within 2 miles of the Court House, along the main road leading to Port Allegany. 25,000 feet Maple 16000 feet Beech, 13000 feet Hemlock, 1500 feet Cherry, 1000 feet Baswood, 700 feet Ash, 300 feet Oak and about 250 cord chemical wood. Oil and Gas rights included. All for $1,600.00.

FOR SALE—The old Commercial Hotel Property, corner Main and Franklin streets. Large lot with buildings Price $2500.00

FOR SALE—3 large building lots on Bank street. Size 132 by 66 feet front located between the old Cutlery lot and Geo. Oakleys residence. Price $225.00

FOR SALE—100 acre farm more or less, 30 acres under cultivation last year. Located on Cole Creek. Good dwelling house 6 rooms, large frame barn, plenty of water, large orchard 20 acres second growth timber, natural gas. Will take part cash or will trade for town property. Price $1200.00

FOR SALE—Fine house on Willow street, 8 rooms with bath, orchard and fruit trees. Over half an acre of garden plot, large barn, would make fine private garage, Cement walks all round the place. Plenty of room for small Chicken farm, everything about the place is in fine shape. Price. $2000.00

FOR SALE—8 room house on Water street, fine location. Water, Gas, and bath, large lot. Will take part cash, balance to suit the purchaser. Price $1800.00

FOR SALE—House and lot East Smethport. 9 rooms, Natural Gas, fruit trees, about 1½ acres of ground, large new porch, newly painted. Opposite Union Church. Price $1200.00, $200.00 down, balance on easy payments.

48 acres, 6 room dwelling, about half way between Smethport and Port Allegany, large barn, splendid spring water, 50 apple trees. Spies and Baldwins. 35 acres under cultivation, about 1000 cord of wood. Price for land and buildings. ...... $1500.00.

Price with oil and gas right $2000.00. $300.00 cash, balance on terms to suit buyer.

26 acres with a fine little dwelling near Coryville. All up in fine shape. Good fruit trees. Fine water good barn chicken house and tool house. This is a real bargain for some one that wants a fine little home.
Price $1200.00

50½ Acres, 3 miles from Turtle Point. Every acre can be cultivated. 100 15 year old assorted pear trees. 100 cherry trees. 500 grafted apple trees. Also current grapevines and other fruits, 100 small chestnut. Fine spring water, fine grain or potato land. Price $2,600.00
Terms:—$500.00 down balance $100. per year with interest.

37½ Acres at the head of Stickles hollow, cherry, plums, pears and apple trees. Oil and gas goes with the property. Fine spring water.
Price easy payments ...... $860.00.

55 Acres, house and barn. Good spring water, Pear, Cherry, Plum and Apple trees Fine garden soil. Oil and Gas lease with the property 10 acres second growth Maple. Also some Hickory timber. This place is about 1 mile from E. Smethport and would make an excellent place for persons who want to do farming and live in town.
Price .... $2000.00.
Terms: Part cash; balance in yearly payments.

CHARTER No. 870. Reserve District No. 3.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE GRANGE NATIONAL BANK OF McKEAN COUNTY, AT SMETHPORT, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MARCH 4th 1918.

Resources.

1	a Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b and c)	307,017.08	
	Total loans	307,017.08	
	f Foreign Bills of Exchange or Drafts sold with indorsement of this bank, not shown under Item d above (see Item 57)		307,017.08
2	Overdrafts secured, $----; unsecured 109.10		109.10
	a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	100,000.00	
	f U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged	10,000.00	
	g Premium on U. S. bonds		110,000.00
	Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½ per cent, unpledged	23,300.00	
	b Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½ per cent, pledged to secure U. S. deposits	2,000.00	
	d Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½ per cent and 4 per cent pledged to secure State or other deposits or bills payable		25,300.00
	b Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	2,000.00	
	e Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	59,958.75	
	f Collateral Trust and other notes of corporations issued for not less than ONE YEAR nor more than THREE YEARS' time	10,844.38	
	Total bonds, securities, etc.		72,803.13
9	Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		3,000.00
10	a Value of banking house	20,000.00	
	b Equity in banking house		20,000.00
11	Furniture and fixtures		7,200.00
13.	Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		[illegible]
15.	Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks		[illegible]
18.	Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting banks (other than Item 17)		[illegible]
	Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18	[illegible]	
19.	Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		[illegible]
20	Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		5,000.00
	Total		[illegible]

Liabilities.

21.	Capital stock paid in		$100,000.00
22.	Surplus fund		$30,000.00
23.	a Undivided profits	[illegible]	
	b Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	[illegible]	[illegible]
30.	Circulating notes outstanding		[illegible]
34.	Individual deposits subject to check		[illegible]
35.	Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)		[illegible]
37.	Cashier's checks outstanding		[illegible]
39.	[illegible]		[illegible]
40.	Dividends unpaid		[illegible]
	Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items [illegible]	[illegible]	
41.	Postal Savings deposits		[illegible]
42.	Other time deposits		[illegible]
	Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, and 45	[illegible]	
	b War savings deposit certificate and thrift stamps account	77.02	
	c other United States deposits, including deposits of U. S. disbursing officers		77.02
	Total		[illegible]

State of Pennsylvania, ss:
County of McKean,

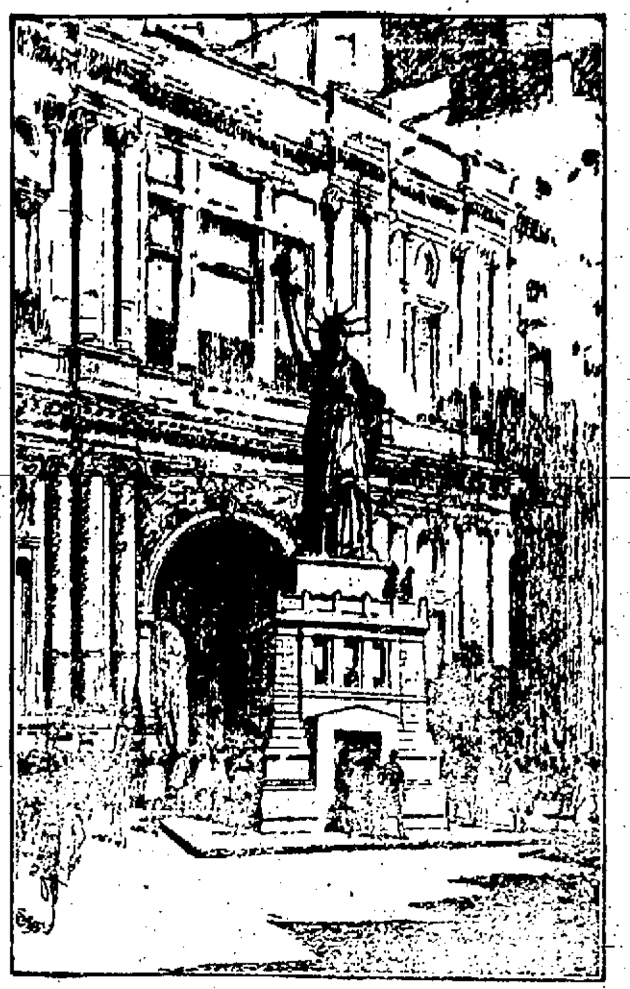
I, E. E. Drake, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. E. DRAKE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible]

P. R. MAYO, Notary Public.
(My commission expires Feb. 21, 1921)

CORRECT ATTEST:
F. A. HOLMES,
E. A. STUDHOLME,
GUY B. MAYO



PUBLICITY ATTRACTIONS AID LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

Never, perhaps, has publicity played such a part in a government undertaking as it is taking in the campaign to sell bonds in the third Liberty Loan.

Particularly in the Third Federal Reserve District, the headquarters of which is in Philadelphia, is the advertising idea in evidence.

The replica of Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty erected in the center of Broad street before the City Hall in Philadelphia is here shown as it will look upon completion.

It will be over fifty feet in height and the torch in Liberty's hand will be illuminated at night. The base of the foundation is thirty-six feet by sixteen feet and twenty-two feet high and is built of wood and iron. It is seven feet square at the point where the statue rests. In the foundation there will be booths for the taking of subscriptions to the third Liberty Loan. Each subscriber will be entitled to ascend the stairway to the foot of the statue and drive into the pedestal a large headed tack bearing his initials. This will transform the pedestal gradually from a wooden to a metal surface.

In making the mould 10,100 pounds of plaster of Paris was used and the amount that went into the finished statue was 5500 pounds, making 15,600 pounds in all. Enough to lay a thin coating over the street of an entire city block.

An interesting point is that the leading sculptor at work upon the statue is of German birth but took out his first papers two days after arriving in this country in 1893.

A gigantic representation of American soldiers going over the top, backed by a "Liberty bond," to be placed on the north side of City Hall, is another publicity stunt scheduled by the Publicity Committee in Philadelphia for the third Liberty Loan campaign. This is the biggest cut-out figure ever attempted anywhere. It was designed by Gilbert H. Gable, whose Liberty Statue on the south side of City Hall is nearing completion. It is eighty-two feet high and thirty-five feet wide. Its base will rest on the sidewalk, and a hole cut out of metal will permit pedestrians to pass through it. It will almost cover two central sections of the building and will be plainly visible from Girard avenue.

More than three and a half tons of galvanized iron go into the making of it. A carload of lumber will be used in the framework to back it up. Not a nail will be driven or a hole bored in any part of the building to hold up the figure. This seeming impossibility will be accomplished by driving wedges into the crevices between the stones and by a system of cleats, bands and cables will insure absolute stability.

The design shows soldiers leaving a trench. The leading one has his foot on the top. In practice this will come just at the top of the arch leading to the City Hall courtyard. The second soldier is getting a footing to follow his comrade. Back of him is an immense roll representing a Liberty Bond.

Incidentally there will be virtually no waste in handling this attraction, for when it has served its purpose it will be taken down and the metal and wood used for another purpose.

At the east side of City Hall will be an advertising attraction representing the "Battle of the Tanks." This will show great tanks such as used on the European battlefields.

The whole of Philadelphia will be covered with illustrated signs and posters. Arrangements have been made to distribute similar signs and attractions throughout the district, so that during the drive one can hardly look in any direction without seeing something about the Liberty Loan.

FARMER BULWARK OF THE NATION

Man Behind the Plow Never Fails in Emergency.

BIG BUYER OF LIBERTY BONDS

Takes His Time to Think It Over, Then Gets to Work in Earnest.

Now, as in every grave emergency through which the nation has passed, the farmer looms large as the bulwark of the nation.

It is realized on all sides that the source of wealth, and the good old-time respect for our national institutions and our national integrity, must come, as they have always come in the past, from the soil.

In the days of ancient Rome, when the very life of the republic was at stake, Cincinnatus left his plough, placed himself at the head of the army, and, after winning victory, calmly returned to his rustic pursuits.

In the day of peril to our own republic, the farmer again stands in the center of the limelight.

It is stated officially by persons in authority in the third Liberty Loan campaign that the rural districts are expected to subscribe to more bonds, in proportion to population, than the urban districts. This is said as the results of preliminary reports received from district chairmen. These reports show that the farmers have made excellent profits during the last season, that they have saved their money, and that they are in a mood to put it where it will do the most good—into Liberty Bonds.

There is, after all, a distinct difference between the resident of the farming district and the city resident. The city man is used to spending his money as fast as he makes it. He looks after his immediate wants first and then thinks of the rainy day. The farmer thinks of the future first of all. He knows that his money has been earned by the sweat of his brow and that he has none to spend foolishly. And, too, he is so close to nature and solitude that he has time to think of the more serious things of life. Thus the peril that the government faces is much more real to the farmer than it is to the average city dweller, because he knows it affects his home and fields and very life, and is not merely a headliner in the paper to be forgotten as soon as read.

In the Revolutionary war and in the Civil war, success would have been impossible if the farmer had not come forward, not only with recruits and crops, but with his hard-earned and ungrudgingly offered money. There will not be any exception now. It is a case of the tiller of the soil rising in his might against the predatory powers which would violate the home and make a joke of the home ties and traditions.

When the third Liberty Loan was being talked of, it was assumed that the campaign would begin on the first of March. But the date was deferred until the sixth of April. Few persons knew why this was so. But one of the principal causes was the farmer. It was felt that he would appreciate having the loan drive occur after the weather had cleared up. This would make it possible to have meetings in the farming sections, to send speakers, to get the folks together and give them the same advantages as the city folks enjoy in any large undertaking.

Watch the farmers. They have the money to spend. They know exactly why it should be spent to aid the government. And they are, as a class, so imbued with the patriotic spirit that their showing in the Loan is bound to be sensational.

WHAT BONDS WILL BUY

Every $100 Liberty Bond will furnish one six-inch shell, one rifle, thirteen gas masks and two hand grenades. Put a $100 in a Bond and send "the goods" to our Boys!

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Four $100 Bonds will buy a machine gun. Thousands of such guns are needed to stop the Big Hun Drive! Do your bit with your Bond!

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It takes $10,000 to buy just one six-inch gun. That's one hundred $100 Bonds. How much of the gun can you buy? Get your quota to work today!

• • •

A five-ton truck costs Uncle Sam $5000. Pile up the Bonds and buy your spoke in the wheel!

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Every $50 Bond will make one six-inch shell. Hurl one at least, at the Hun!

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About 100 hand grenades can [illegible] Send [illegible]

EVERY MAN'S PLEDGE

America shall win this war! Therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight—cheerfully and to my utmost—as if the whole outcome of the struggle depended upon me alone. I will buy, buy, and still buy, Liberty Bonds!

Winning This War For Democracy
Will Mean the Ending of Wars.

Losing It To Autocracy
Would Mean the Beginning of a
Series of Frightful Wars.

MAKE CERTAIN OF WINNING!

How to do it? Begin NOW to SAVE! Then

Buy! Buy! and Still Buy!

LIBERTY BONDS

AT ANY BANK OR YOUR
LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE.

PERFECT ORGANIZATION TO SELL LIBERTY BONDS

Experts in Various Lines Are at Work in Philadelphia Headquarters.

The organization for handling the forthcoming Liberty Loan in the Third Federal Reserve District has been completed. Philadelphia is the headquarters for this district, which embraces Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and all of Delaware.

The Women's Committee also has headquarters in Philadelphia, under the supervision of Mrs. James Starr, Jr.

This organization already is marked by some revolutionary departures from former systems. The changes incorporate a more gigantic program for securing publicity, and a system for securing orders for bonds which will greatly facilitate the work for the banks and will make it possible to handle a much greater number of subscriptions in a limited time.

In Mr. Parsons' office are maps of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, divided into sub-districts by heavy blue lines. The areas thus enclosed represent more than fifty districts, which come under the supervision of the Philadelphia headquarters. In most cases the districts are counties, but in some cases a district takes in more than one county, while in others a county is divided into two or more districts. On the maps are various printed cards bearing the names of the local chairmen, the amount of money subscribed for each district in the last loan, the quota for the coming loan and other information.

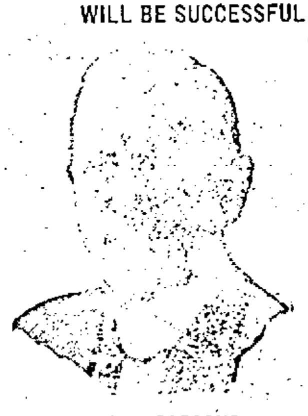
There is a generous sprinkling of red-headed tacks all over the maps, signifying localities where banks will handle subscriptions for local county organizations. The charts show at a glance the make-up of the various committees and the descriptions of their work. That chart for the regular district organization shows at the top, in a square, the words "Treasury Department," indicating the fountain source of all the work of the loan. Beneath this comes the Federal Reserve Bank, next the Central Committee, and then the Director. The chart shows that associated with the Director is an Advisory Committee, and underneath are various committees, the work of which interlocks.

While the Women's Committee reports directly to the Treasury Department, there is a close working arrangement between it and the office of Director Parsons. The separate chart for the Women's Committee shows, beneath the square for the Treasury Department, the chairman of the women's organization, who is Mrs. James Starr, Jr. There also is an Advisory Board, then an Executive Committee and various sub-committees. Mrs. Walter S. Thompson is in charge of the work in Philadelphia.

Mr. Parsons, in announcing his tentative organization, said:

"It is our desire to have our organization throughout the entire Third Federal Reserve District so perfected that in the campaign for the placing of the Loan, each worker will know his duties and be able to work at 100 per cent efficiency from the first day of the campaign. It is the thought at Washington that by having this permanent organization, which will in a way hold together the volunteer [illegible] organization, the concentrated drive will be conducted smoothly and systematically, and far better results will be accomplished."

DIRECTOR PARSONS TELLS WHY THE LOAN WILL BE SUCCESSFUL



LEWIS H. PARSONS.

Lewis H. Parsons, director of the Liberty Loan for the Third Federal Reserve District, gave out the following statement from his office in the Lincoln Building, Philadelphia:

"We are ready to go 'over the top' and make a killing for the Loan. In our trenches and back of our lines great preparations for the big drive are under way.

"Success is sure, but it will not come easily. All good Americans must apply themselves to the task of helping to raise this money as they never before have applied themselves to anything. The government needs the help of every individual now more than ever before. There must be no slackers. No one should depend upon some one else to make up his share. Every one must do something.

"The first thing we should all get firmly implanted in our minds is the seriousness of the situation. We are fighting a most powerful war machine. To overcome it, we must make almost superhuman efforts. And we cannot do this great task at all without money. That is the first need. So everyone who is not fighting with his hands must fight with his money—that is, must buy Liberty Bonds.

"Nothing could do the government more harm than the peace talk which we hear, and even see printed, on all sides. The time to talk and think of peace is after we are victorious. Our government is preparing for a long and bitter war. The only way to shorten it is to supply the money now so that we may have the equipment for our soldiers, the ships and food and all those things which are necessary to win.

"This is a great, big, patriotic opportunity for all of us to pull together and show the rest of the world how America can rise to a situation. We must put into bonds all the money we can spare. Even if we have not the ready money, but have credit, we should use our credit to raise money with which to buy bonds. This will be found the easiest way in the long run. If it seems inconvenient to raise money now, let us just consider the possibilities of defeat. That would mean paying over to an autocratic power whatever that power saw fit to exact of us. Surely there is a decided difference between doing that and lending our money now to Uncle Sam at a good rate of interest. I know the people will wake up to the situation, and that is why I am sure the third Liberty Loan drive will be a great success."

AND THE HUNS SANG

In a war book written about the engagements around Malines and Campenhout appears this incident:

A child of two came into the street as the German soldiers were marching by. A man in the second file stepped aside and drove his bayonet into the child's stomach. He lifted the child into the air on his bayonet and carried it away, he and his comrades still singing. The child screamed when the soldier struck it with his bayonet but not afterwards.

Commenting upon this incident, Dr. [illegible], editor of Every Week, writes:

"I do not often ask you to read unpleasant paragraphs. I do it now because, when it comes to writing about Liberty Bonds, I feel like throwing aside all the fine words and telling you the whole truth as it appeals to me.

"And the truth is that I am not buying a nickel's worth of bonds to give Trieste to Italy or one single added colony to England or Alsace-Lorraine to France.

"I buy Liberty Bonds because there is a two-year-old boy in my home—as there was in that nameless home in Malines.

"And because—so small has the world become—Malines is only just across the [illegible] from where I live.

"[illegible] It is hard these days for a man with even a good income to buy food and clothes for his family.

"But I ask myself over and over again, what good to my youngsters are food and clothes, if the spirit that fired Malines comes out of this war unrebuked?

"What sort of parents are you and I if we take care of the minor matters, such as food and clothes, and send our children out into a world where children may still be bayoneted and women ruthlessly slain?

"So long as they who bayoneted the child of Malines go singing through the streets of Belgium, there must be Liberty Bonds.

"So long as the terror that stalked through Campenhout continues to hang over my house, there must be Liberty Bonds.

"I do not know how it may be with you; but with me, this third Liberty Loan cuts down through the luxuries into what we used to think were necessities in our household.

"And we make the sacrifice gladly, for the sake of the great necessity.

ANTI-SPY SLOGANS

The following are culled from a series of slogans submitted by the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World:

If you know anything Germany would like to know, let this be your speechless day.

Keep your eyes peeled, your heart steeled, your lips sealed—don't talk!

Your idle prattle may lose a battle. Don't tell all you know.

One German army has already occupied America—the invisible host of spies is everywhere. Don't talk!

Swat the fly! Spot the spy! Spies feed upon little crumbs of conversation, little glances of observation. Starve them out!

Don't tell all you know to people you don't!

Keep your eyes open. Report suspicious persons who ask curious questions. Three cowboys caught the spy whose papers exposed Benedict Arnold. Keep a sharp lookout!

FURNITURE

We respectfully call your attention to the fact that all our Furniture is worth your notice. You will get good, honest Furniture, the kind that is up to date and well made.

H. H SASSE Furniture, and Wall Paper Undertaking in All Its Branches

The Price of a Drink or a Smoke Buys a Thrift Stamp.

Do you know that many well-to-do citizens who had no scruples against drinking before we entered the war, have "cut it out" entirely! Some have even quit smoking.

Perhapps seven out of every ten American citizens—male and female—could buy a THRIFT STAMPS EVERY DAY with the two bits they've been spending for something they didn't need.

For Sale 'Most Everywhere.

THIS SPACE CONTRIBUTED BY

GRANGE NATIONAL BANK,
Smethport, Pa.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS
AND
THRIFT STAMPS
BUY THEM
MOST ANYWHERE.

McKean County Miner
SMETHPORT, PA., MARCH 21.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Emporium is trying to organize a band.

—See change in the advertisement of Chas. W. Masser.

—The subject at the Baptist church Sunday 11 a. m. Sealed orders 7:30 p. m. Wanted, a man."

—Kane has a "peeping Tom" who is due to get his very shortly if he does not cut out his despicable spying.

—J. C. Backus entertained a few gentlemen friends Thursday evening last at his home on East Main street, the occasion being his birthday.

—An ordinary, mature and thrifty maple tree will produce about 12 gallons of sap in a good season. This should give about three pounds of sugar.

—Become an active member of the Smethport Home Guards. Everybody is urged to join. Beginners' Squad is to be formed for those who have never drilled.

—A. J. Hyatt has moved from the Hubbard house on King street into Mrs. E. E. Heath's house on East Main street formerly occupied by J. A. Nellis and family.

—E. P. Smith, the old soldier who died at the New Grand Central last week was buried Saturday morning in the soldiers' plot in Rose Hill cemetery. Funeral services were held at H. H. Sasse's undertaking rooms, Rev. J. S. Fleming officiating.

—Mrs. Fred Lyman received word a few days ago that her son, Earl Lyman, had arrived safely and well somewhere in France. Earl enlisted in Uncle Sam's service about two month's ago. He was running a garage at Portville, N. Y., for sometime prior to his enlistment.

—The M. S. Geary real estate agency offers some attractive properties for sale in to-days issue. This agency although it has been in existence but a few weeks bids fair to build up a fine business as it is already bringing many buyers and sellers together.

—Commissioner O'Neil has awarded the contract for grading and drainage of 1.27 miles of State Highway Route 96, Foster Township, McKean County, to C. S. King and W. E. Mangold, of Port Allegany, at their low bid price of $16.469.00. It is the intention o fthe Department, the Commissioner stated, to try to improve this road permanently during the coming season.

—The W. C. T. U. of Smethport held a community meeting at the Baptist Church Thursday evening, March 14th. The Rev. J. S. Fleming made the address of the evening, and the school children delighted the audience by singing two songs, we also had a duet by two young ladies, also two recitations by two of the children, closing the meeting by singing America. All who were not there missed a treat as each one didtheir part in a first class manner.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, ETC.,

Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of The McKean County Miner.

Published weekly at Smethport, Pa., statement for April 1, 1918.

State of Pennsylvania,

County of McKean, ss:

Before me a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared Ross K. Knapp, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor and manager of the McKean County Miner, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership and management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date snown in the above caption, required by the act of August 24, 1912, ombodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, to-wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business managers are: Publisher, Harry L. Backus, Smethport, Pa.; editor Ross K. Knapp, Smethport, Pa.; managing editor, none; business manager, Ross K. Knapp., Smethport, Pa.

2. That the owners are: (Names and addresses of individual owners, or, if a corporation, give its name and the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1% or more of the total amount of stock: Harry L. Backus.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees and other security holders owning or holding 1% or more of or other securities are: None.

ROSS K. KNAPP,
Editor and Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of March, 1918.

HALLIE A. WALKER,
Notary Public.

~~(X) Seal.~~

(My commission expires February 1, 1919.

Spring Seed Wheat.

As was stated a few weeks ago, spring seed wheat will be gotten for those farmers who care to sow spring wheat upon their own experience or the experience of their neighbors. Most men feel that it is reasonably safe to sow an acre or two of such grain. Wheat of the Marquis variety has been located in Buffalo, N. Y., which is being handled by one of the zone agents for the United States Department. This wheat grades on the market No. 1 and the price is $2.65 in sacks f. o. b. Buffalo. Orders must be in the next few days, or you may be left without any seed.

McKean County Farm Bureau.

EASTER OPENING.

Easter opening at Bradner's, Olean, N. Y., Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. adv12w1.

Wanted: Packing Straw by Sergeant Glass Co., Burrows, Pa. tf.

—Try the MINER 14 weeks for 50c.

IF YOU BUY OUT OF TOWN AND I BUY OUT OF TOWN, WHAT WILL BECOME OF OUR TOWN?

THE DOLLAR YOU SPEND IN SMETHPORT WILL "COME HOME TO BOOST."

THE McKEAN COUNTY MINER

BUY AT HOME CAMPAIGN

Read the article with care. They may present something you hadn't thought of before. Patronize the people whose cards are here. They are your neighbors and will treat you right. The money you spend with them stays in circulation in Smethport.

Just Draw Your Automobile In
We will do the rest, we can repair any make of car and we can fix you out with all kinds of accessories; Firestone Tires etc. Our Garage is always open for business. Boost for Home Trade we do. **Smethport Garage Co.**

Dollar Day Bargains for March 9

25 yds all linen Torchon lace for	$1.00
25 yds Cambric Embroidery 1 to 4 inch for	$1.00
$1.15 Sheer Hdkf linen 1 yd for	$1.00
125 Umbrellas, Ladies and Gents for	$1.00.

THE FRY COMPANY.

One by One of All Classes.
Are discovering that our cleaning and pressing service represents completeness all our work is thoroughly done. We also handle a full line of Wear-You-Well Shoes, try them and you will be pleased. **James T. Chisholm.**

LOOK AT LINDHOLM'S PRICES.

Rolled Oats	8c lb.
Tomatoes,	9c can.
Shredded Wheat,	13c box.
Coffee	21c lb.

We Use No Chemicals.
Or injurious acids in our Laundry pure soap and water does the business. We call and deliver to any part of the town. Boosters for Home Trade. **Smethport Steam Laundry**

We Want Every One in this Vicinity
To know we will not be undersold in Boots and Shoes all our stock is standard goods, and, we believe in small profits, and clquk sales. See us first. Repairing done while you wait. **Anderson & Carlson**

We Always Carry a full Line.
Of all kinds of fancy and staple groceries that will always be handled at a fair price. We don't believe in getting rich quick. We are ready to live and let live. Get our prices first. It will pay. W. W. Hewitt, Grocer.

Pure Drugs are Essential to
Health. Be sure they are pure. See us for all kinds of drugs. We carry full line of sundries, toilet articles, bathroom and sick room supplies. We are bdosters for Home Trading. See us first. **H. C. Wells, Druggist.**

See Us and See Better.
Have you ever been examined by an authorized graduate of Optometrist. Now you are not taking any chances so come in and talk it over. Large line of Jewelry. **Engstroms Jewelry and Optometrist.**

ASKING FAVORS OF MAIL ORDER HOUSE

Interesting Results Might Be Obtained by Making Certain Requests.

LOCAL MERCHANTS HELPFUL

Do All the Things for the People of Their Community That the Catalogue Concerns Will Not Do.

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It has been said that three-fourths or nine-tenths, or some such big proportion—the exact figures do not matter—of the business of the world is done on credit. If this was not true there wouldn't be much business done for no currency system could be devised that would furnish enough money to meet the needs of commerce if every article sold had to be paid for in actual cash. The amount of money in circulation in the United States is only $47 per capita and this would not go very far if everyone had to keep enough cash on hand to pay for all that he might buy.

The greatest of financiers need credit. They keep their resources employed and at times are in need of ready cash. The same thing is true at times of men of smaller means. The credit system, as it is used sometimes, especially in the smaller communities, is abused and works a serious hardship upon the business men of the town. Some merchants, to avoid the loss that results from such abuse of the system or possibly to enable them to sell goods at a lower price than their competitors, operate strictly on a cash basis, but the great majority of merchants in every community give those customers who are responsible and honest the privilege of a charge account and the chances are that some sort of a credit system, properly safeguarded, will always continue to be a feature of legitimate trade.

Ask Catalogue House for Credit.

You who have a reputation in your community for being at least fairly responsible and upright know that when you desire it or need it you can obtain credit from at least some of the merchants in your town. But some time when you are in need of some article of merchandise and are a little short of ready money, order what you want from a mail order house in Chicago or some other city and ask them to please charge it till the first of the month. The experiment will be interesting, at least, and the answer that you receive may cause you to give a little thought to the difference between trading with the mail order house in some far-off city and buying from the merchants in your own home town.

Some mail order concerns are now operating a so-called credit system, but it is not a credit system such as is maintained by most retail merchants. These mail order houses will sell certain merchandise on the installment plan, but they not only demand an initial cash payment, but require the purchaser to sign a contract which operates as a mortgage not only on the merchandise purchased, but upon any other property that the customer may possess. There is nothing in this system that bears any similarity to the open credit system that is used by the majority of retail merchants.

There are some other requests you might make of the mail order man when the occasion arises and the responses might be equally interesting. For instance, you, Mrs. Farmer, who bought that box of groceries from the catalogue house last month, might write the manager and ask him to buy your butter and eggs. Of course, it would be considerable more trouble to pack them for shipment to the city than it is to take them in to your local grocer, who is always ready to pay you the market price for them, but then maybe the mail order man would pay you enough more than the market price to pay you for the extra trouble. And then again, maybe he wouldn't.

And, then, there is that mowing machine that you, Mr. Farmer, have been figuring on trading in for a new machine. Suppose you write to the mail order man from whom you bought that wire fencing and ask him what he will allow you for your old machine on a trade for a new one. Of course, the local hardware dealer in the town where you find a market for your farm products will allow you a fair price for your old machine, but what's the use of asking him to do it. The mail order man surely will be glad to do that much for you, will he not? Yes, he will not.

List Is Endless.

There are a good many things the mail order man will not do for you. The list would be too long to crowd into one issue of a newspaper. He will not give you credit, however much you may need it. He will not buy the farmer's produce. He will not pay a dollar of taxes to help support your schools or build your roads. He will not contribute a cent to the support of your churches or your charitable institutions. He will not lend you a helping hand in time of trouble.

The local merchants in a community will do everything for the people in that community that the mail order man will not do for them. This fact should make it easy for the people of the community to decide which it is to their interest to do business with.

THE BISETT SHOP
Is Headquarters in Smethport for Ladies and Children wear. Up-to-date millinery, fancy work and if it is nice dainty line of goods we have it on hand **The Bisett Shop.**

We are Always the First
to display the latest creations in Ladies Hats and Millinery. We keep ~~in constant touch with Fashion large~~ line of trimmed and untrimmed Hats on hand. **Mrs. Clair White.**

A Word to Farmers in This Section. Get our prices first on your grain of all kinds. I pay highest market price and handle flour, Feed of all kinds. Let's deal together. **F. A. Green.**

Save Some Wheat.
Try our Rye and Whole Wheat Bread.

BROWNELL'S GROCERY.
Quality Groceries. Phone 64 J.

Never Send Out of Town
for groceries until you get our prices. We can compete with anyone, anywhere. Make us prove it. Boost for Home Trade—it will pay. **The Colegrove Grocery.**

Housewives of Smethport.
Just simply insist on having your bread orders come from Home Bakers. Don't use any outside baked goods. It hurts the town. Try our products. You will like them better. **J. W. Pickersgill —Bakery.**

Get Our Prices First On
All kinds of Hardware, Paints, Oils, Chinamel, Guns, Ammunition and all kinds of Sporting Goods. You will find our prices and treatment right. Boost for Smethport and home trade. Bernard T. Garlick.

Just received by express, heavy sweater yarns. Kahkia Gray and Blue, $4.00 lb. MASSER BROTHERS.

All Funiture Looks Alike In
a photo. Never buy furniture from a picture. Get our prices and terms on your furniture we stand back of every thing we sell. Our prices will make you a home buyer. **H. H. Sasse.**

Never Send Away for Hardware
You will find our large assortment of Hardware, tools and farm implements of all kinds can be bought at Prices that will beat any catalogue House, we are boosters for Home Trade buy at home it will pay us all. **Chas. W. Masser.**

BASKET BALL GAME.

The Bradford High School basketball team annexed Friday evening the second o fthe series of two games played with the local high school. The game, which was played on the Bradford floor, received considerable comment on the part of spectators and press as about the fastest, cleverest and most interesting game on the Bradford schedule for the season. Smethport was defeated by the close score of 37-30.

The game, in many of its aspects, closely resembled others in which the local team has taken part this year. Bradford in the first half built up what proved a safe lead of 7 points, and came close to seeing that margin cut down and passed in the second half, for as usual, the Smethport boys did not seem to find themselves until the last twenty of the forty minutes of play. When they did, however, they made things exceedingly interesting for their opponents. By a series of brilliant plays and shots, the score was almost tied before Bradford was able to get together and re-establish the margin of seven points. The first half ended with the score in Bradford's favor, 19-12.

Smethport's stellar performer was William Hamilton who furnished five baskets. Local fans predict that he is a comer as his development, which has bein rapid since the season's start bids fair to continue and make him useful next year. In addition to his good shooting, he was in every play and added greatly to the teamwork. Spanogle played a good game for the first half, and in the last period gave way to Howe, who was unable to play for the whole game by reason of injuries. McCarthy was the only local player who did not score but this fact is rapidly explained for he had his work cut out for him in guarding one of the best of the Bradford players.

As here at Smethport three weeks ago, Jones, the Bradford center, was the star for the winners. He played a fast floor-game and caged five goals. Riley got away with two, Vernon with four, and Bogart and Stroup with one each. The refereeing and umpiring furnished by Schmidt of Smethport and Adams, of Bradford. The line-up and summary follow:

Smethport 30.		Bradford 37
Malcolm	f	Riley
Hamilton	f	Vernon
Workley	c	Jones
McCarthy	g	Oliver
Spanogle	g	Bogart

Substitution—Howe or Spanogle, Stroup or Oliver.

Field goals—Malcolm 2, Hamilton 5, Workley 2, Spanogle 1, Howe 2, Riley 2, Vernon 4, Jones 5, Oliver 1, Bogart 1, Stroup 1.

Time of halves—20 minutes.

Score at end of first half—Bradford 19, Smethport 12.

Referee and Umpire—Schmidt and Adams.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in the post Office at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending March 16, 1918.

Irons, Mrs. Lena.
McFall, Miss Menerva.

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I have a beautiful line of samples for the new summer skirts, graduating gowns and all other wearing apparel. Call at 107 Mechanic street or phone 120J, Mrs. R. T. Lyle. tf.

CLOSING OUT TRIMMED HATS.

Winter is nearly over—soon be time to think of spring. You can secure some very pretty trimmed hats now, well worth the money if only to wear until Easter.

advtf. MRS. CARRIE CLARK

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If We Don't Have What You Want
WE CAN GET IT FOR YOU!

A Complete Line of
REXALL RUBBER GOODS
The Guaranteed Kind.
ALL STANDARD PROPRIETARY MEDICINES.
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THE RELIABLE STORE

Now for many years ready to supply harnesses, whips, blankets and robes—all sorts of horse furnishing goods.

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SMETHPORT, PA.

Clementine Gaskin
DU FOUR SYSTEM

Try one of my Dry Shampoos at 50c. Regular Shampoos with Tonic applied 3 for $1.25.

All combings made up at 50c per oz. Du Four Toilet Articles on Sale

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.
For Congress:

Editor McKean County Miner:—Please announce that I am a candidate for Congress from the 21st. district, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries on May 21. 1918.

DR. J. CURRIER.
Grampian, Pa.

March 14. 1918.

Smethport, Pa., Thursday, March 21, 1918.

The announcement of Dr. J. Currier of Grampian, Clearfield county, as a candidate for Congress, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries, appears on this page, Dr. Currier enters the race with a clean consistent record behind him and no doubt will prove a strong candidate. He commands the confidence and respect of the people of his home county as the record of being elected a representative to the legislature four successive times will show. Dr. Currier says he has always voted for local option measures, and now declares himself in favor of national prohibition. He is also a firm supporter of woman's suffrage Dr. Currier is a conscious man who is not afraid to use his best efforts to further what he believes is the right. If nominated there is little question but that he would be elected and this district would be represented in Congress to the best of his ability.

It means considerable to be born a free man. Just compare ourselves to the Russians for a moment. We were sent into the war in a shameful state of unpreparedness; we are harried right and left in regard to the food situation; our enemies the Germans know far more than we are allowed to know concerning the strength and disposition of our troops in Europe; our government issues mandates that we obey without a murmur that would have meant bloody revolution if issued by the Czar—but we grumble a little and obey, because we know the day is not far distant when we can show our disapproval with the mighty ballot. The Russians had no such hope to keep them fighting. They were not born freemen and consequently they quit—aftr a very weak resistance to the commands of the German power.

Supporters of J. Demy O'Neil for governor are quite peeved over the fact that Mr. Sproul, whom they are pleased to term the Penrose candidate, has come out square-toed for national prohibition and woman suffrage. If Mr. O'Neil's admirers are laboring under the delusion that they have a patent on those important issues, they are reminded that still another gubernatorial candidate, Hon. Robert P. Habgood, from this neck 'o the woods has also declared for national prohibition and woman's suffrage. Mr. O'Neil should muzzle some of his admirers. The trend in this state is toward Republican harmony and some of these fellows are rocking the boat.

This week the local Red Cross is making an especial drive to secure reading matter for the soldiers. Don't go into the attic for musty volumes but send these up-to-date boys the kind of reading matter they would desire if at home. Books of fiction, travel, adventure, and on technical subjects are especially desired, but works upon any subject if not obsolete will find interested readers. This is an important matter don't neglect it: remember the local Red Cross desires to collect these books now. Notify any of the workers if you have books to give or bring or send them to Red Cross headquarters. Almost every family should have a few volumes they can spare.

That there is more poverty in Smethport now than at any time during the past twenty years was an opinion expressed recently by gentlemen who are in a position to know what they are talking about. Almost every industry in Smethport has been hard hit by the war, this being especially true of the glass factories. Wages in general have not kept pace with the rise in all the necessities of life and in some instances actual want has been the result. People whom under normal conditions would be in prosperous circumstances are finding their troubles in making both ends meet.

RESPECT THE FLAG.

Noticeing that some Smethport people are getting a little thoughtless about the treatment of Old Glory, the following is submitted for their perusal:

The position of the flag is aloft from a pinacle of a building, higher than the furniture of a room, and above the head of one carrying it.

The flag must not be raised before sunrise nor remain up after sunset. In raising or lowering the flag, it must never be allowed to touch the ground.

When the flag is raised formally, all present should stand at attention with the hand raised ready to salute. When the colors are passing on parade, spectators, if walking, shall halt; if sitting, arise—and stand at attention.

The flag hung out of doors should always fly in the breezes, preferably from a pole, and should never be fastened to the side of a building, platform, or scaffolding.

The flag should never be placed below a person sitting. It should never be used as a cover for a table, desk, or box, nor should anything be placed on it except a Bible. The flag should never be so placed that it would be struck by a gavel.

The flag should not be worn as a part or the whole of a costume. When worn as a badge it should be small and pinned over the left breast or on the left coat lapel.

The flag should never be washed. When worn or torn it should be reverently burned.

The abject surrender of Russia to German demands is no worse than could be expected of that country in view of past performances. In a moment of frenzy they used their great latent strength and deposed the czar, but the drunkenness of liberty was succeeded by the morning after apathy and the shameful gift of a great part of their country to the Germans was the result. Now they are doomed to be under a more irksome rule than in all the centuries of their slavery. However, there are bands of freedom loving Russians that are going to make it interesting for their German conquerers for months to come. The situation is much the same as would happen if the United States seized Mexican seaports and attempted to exploit that country for its own gain.

The new National party which has been launched at Chicago started out with a duplication of names, if not with a complete misnomer. There is already one national party in every vigorous existence in this country. The Republican party is truly national in all its traditions and record; it has never acted save for the national interests; it has never narrowed its outlook to any section. Its leaders are men of national vision and its principles are those of national import. Another party may call itself National; but it can never excel the nationalism which is Republicanism.

Perhaps one of the next subjects of investigation in connection with our war activities will be the reason why numerous men within the conscription age are wearing the uniform and holding down desk jobs in Washington while there are plenty of men outside the conscription age who could do the work as well. The boys "over there" will have something to say about discrimination.

The department of farm labor under the chairmanship of R. Kessler, Jr., of Smethport has undertaken the enrollment of a small army of boys in McKean county for work on the farms during the summer vacation. These boys will be enrolled mostly by their school teachers, with the consent of their parents and will form quite a formidable labor reserve in case their services are needed.

Help to win the war by keeping poultry or a small vegetable garden in your back-yard; says Congressman John R. K. Scott of Pennsylvania. "Every household that is maintaining a small vegetable garden or that has the back-yard devoted to raising poultry can conscientiously feel that it is helping to win the war."

The fine sugar weather the first part of the week was especially welcomed by the amateur sugar makers who have trees tapped around town. From all indications now this is going to be a pretty fair season in the maple sugar business.

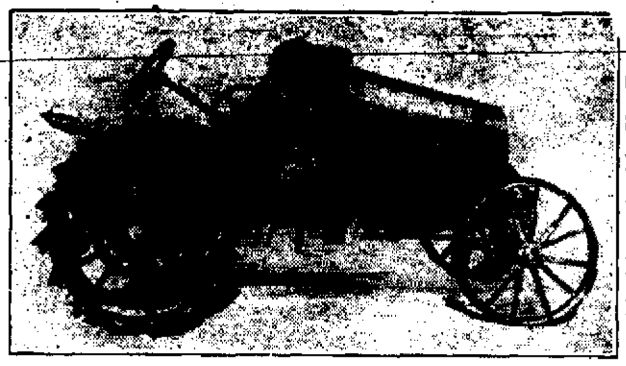
And so Secretary Baker visited France to give the war department of that country the benefit of his great wisdom. Now let the kaiser beware!

SPEED UP FARM PRODUCTION

KEEP DOWN FARM OPERATING COST.

These are the demands of the hour. World conditions demand the greatest possible crop production. Sound business policy demands low operating costs to insure profits. You must produce more at less expense.

A reliable small farm tractor operating upon kerosene oil will solve your farm power problems on an economical basis. You want a tractor that will start and keep going. One with plenty of power and simple to operate. That's just the kind of a tractor you get when you invest in an



INTERNATIONAL 8-16 SMALL FARM TRACTOR.

This tractor is built to meet the requirements of your farm. It is a low down, light weight, three speed tractor with lots of power for both drawbar and belt work.

You want a tractor for your Spring Farm Work. Right now is the time to make your selection. Freight deliveries are mighty slow. Order now and have your tractor on the job the first good day to open up your spring work.

Let me show you this tractor. Call any day. Seeing is believing.

WE ALSO HAVE A FULL LINE OF FARM IMPLEMENTS IN STOCK.

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THE MINER 14 WEEKS for 50c

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WATCHES,
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Are only a few of the many articles we can offer you.

Engstrom's Jewelry
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Keep Your Feet Warm

ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SHOD FOR ALL KINDS OF WEATHER—
Deep Snow, Icy Walks, Mud and Slush, Rain—and the various other kinds that make up our climate? Come in and see us for footwear that suits the weather.

WE DO REPAIRING

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POTTED PLANTS
AND
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AT

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Easter Opening at the Bisett Shop

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, MARCH 2[illegible] and 23

COME AND SEE THE BEAUTIFUL COLORINGS IN WAISTS NECKWEAR, etc.
FRESH FOR THE NEW YORK MARKETS.

—ALSO—

Mrs. Barker will show beautiful patterns from Gage Brothers, Reed Brothers and G. N. and Co., besides many other smart styles, do not fail to come in and see the New things.

LICE?
The lice question is quickly settled if you dust your fowls with
Conkey's Lice Powder
It's safe, quick and sure. Saves your poultry profits because it
Kills the Lice
Doesn't Harm Chickens
Price 25 cents, 50 cents and $1.00.
For the mites that hide in the cracks by day and prey on chickens at night, spray your poultry house with
Conkey's Lice Liquid
Cleans them out thoroughly. Quart 35 cents, half gallon 60 cents, gallon $1.00.
For the deadly head louse use
CONKEY'S HEAD LICE OINTMENT
Effective and doesn't harm chicks. 10 and 25 cents. Money back if these preparations do not satisfy.
The G. E. Conkey Co., Cleveland, Ohio

For Sale by
CHAS. W. MASSER,

Remarkable Breed of Cattle.

Ireland has a breed of cattle that seldom grows more than three feet high and thrives on the poorest of pasturage, yet the cows yield 20 quarts of milk daily.

And the Unfortunate Hearers Too?

Certain musical compositions have been found to be nerve poisons that derange the mind of those who play them.—Kansas City Star.

THAT BETTER BIT

You'll always find our goods a "bit better." We pride ourselves on the excellence of every commodity handled. It will not take you long to discover that better bit—and it is not secured by added price.

THE COLEGROVE GROCERY

The Store with many years' reputation for fair and square dealing.

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TOILET ARTICLES
COME AND SEE OUR ELEGANT LINE.
WE CAN SUIT YOU.
Family Prescriptions carefully and accurately filled.
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Easter Showing of Coats and Shoes.

Our New York line of Ladies Coats is here and The exclusive designs embodied in those fashionable garments bespeak the smart character of Spring newest Coats models size in stock up to 42.

$12.95 to $30.00
AND ALL THE NEW FASHIONABLE SHADES.

Do not fail to see the New

Coatees.

Made of Jersey and Corduroy. Colors Green Rose and White copen and Peach price $6.50 to $10.00.

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DRY GOODS, CLOAKS, SHOES CARPETS, RUGS.
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The Transparent Oven Wear.

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THE CORNER HARDWARE.

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SMETHPORT, PA., MARCH 21.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Archdeacon Radcliffe of Ridgway Pa. will preach at St. Lukes' church Friday evening.

—Mary L. Bisett has an Easter advertisement to-day that all ladies will find very interesting.

—Masser Bros. call your attention to some seasonable articles in their advertisement to-day.

—J. A. Nellis and family have moved into their new home on the corner of Mechanic and Bank streets.

—The best values are to be had now what the future holds in store is a question. Read Monheimer's ad. in to-day's MINER.

—The Smethport Home Guards urgently request all citizens to attend the drills regardless o fage or previous experience in drilling. For those who have never drilled a Beginner's Squad is to be formed. The business meetings call promptly at 7:30 at the hose house followed by the drill. Everybody cordially invited to come.

—H. W. Rubin & Son have an advertisement to-day that will interest all men.

—Mrs. Sheridan Gorton, Mrs. J. B. Eastman and Mrs. C. W. Freeman, were the hostesses on D. A. R. Day at Red Cross Headquarters. There was a good attendance and a goodly amount of work was accomplished.

—Miss Rose Allen, formerly a teacher in the schools here now a teacher in the Eldred schools, who has been a patient in the Kane Summit hospital for the past two week has sufficiently recovered so that she left that institution last Saturday.

—State Deputy H. J. Rice of the Grange has arranged with A. M. Cornell, Past State Lecturer, for a series of meeting in the county during the first week of April. On April 3 he will address Pomona Grange at Ceres; April 6 he will address the local grange and confer the first two degrees on candidates.

—The Wah-wah-tay-see, Cononada and Ahwee Campfire Girls and their guardians had a delightful supper at Red Cross headquarters Thursday evening in celebration o fthe fifth anniversary of the Campfire organization. Short talks were given by Miss Bosworth, Miss Day, Miss Hattie Schoolar, and Miss Harriet Herzog.

—See Brasted's ad. for Easter flowers.

—The Fry Company has, an interesting advertisement today. Read it.

—Dog lovers will find an article much to their liking on page six of today's issue.

—Rev. G. A. Pihlblad will preach in Marvindale School House next Sunday, March 24. at 7 o'clock p. m. Come all!

—The Grange National Bank statement appears to-day on page two. and shows the flourishing condition of that institution.

—Alex Cunningham has resigned as agent for the Adams Express Co., and will devote his entire time to draying and hauling baggage.

—Your attention is directed to the new advertisement of the Hamlin Bank & Trust Co. which appears on page eight of to-days paper. It is interesting, and timely.

—Last Saturday the fires were lighted in the Smethport Window Glass plant and the Berney-Bond Bottle factory. Both these plants will resume operations in the near future.

—The article concerning Herbert Smith of Crosby, the young soldier of fortune, which appeared in last week's MINER was copied by the Philadelphia North American in its issue of last Sunday.

—Mrs. E. A. Studholme entertained a party of twelve yesterday in honor of the ninth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Ada. A five o'clock dinner was served after which the little folks were taken to the picture show. Miss Ada received many gifts from her friends.

—The daylight-saving bill has become a law. On Sunday morning, March 31, 1918, at 2 a. m. the clocks of the nation will be set ahead one hour. Monday morning we will really arise at 6 o'clock but we must jolly ourselves into believing it is seven. The last Sunday in October the clocks will be set back one hour.

—Hannah, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hamlin fell and broke her right arm while roller skating on the sidewalk Friday evening. Both bones of the forearm were broken. Dr. H. L. McCoy and Dr. Burg Chadwick attended little Miss Hamlin, who is now getting along nicely. About a year ago the child met with a similar accident and sustained a fracture of the same arm.

—It was thirty years ago to-day that E. T. Daly started in the livery business in the Wright House stable where he is to-day. In spite of the many changes all over the town Ed. has continued to do business at the old stand in a reliable and straightforward manner. Here's hoping he will continue to do a thriving business for thirty years more.

—Mrs. James McKean, Mrs. S. W. Hubbard, and Miss Gaynor were the hostesses on St. Elizabeth's day, yesterday at Red Cross Headquarters. A [illegible]able afternoon was spent and light refreshments served. These [illegible] are increasing in interest and attendance and all the members and [illegible] of St. Elizabeth's church are [illegible] to attend each week.

—[illegible] Fitzgerald aged 27 years of Br[illegible], a passenger brakeman of a Pennsylvania train was killed at Riverside Junction last Wednesday evening by being struck by the heavy door of a baggage car. He stood in the doorway of a car when another train backed into the Pennsy train with considerable force. The shock slid the door shut and Fitzgerald's head was caught between door and frame. He died within an hour after receiving the injury.

—The following Port Allegany citizens were in town Monday for the purpose of discussing the construction of a road between Port Allegany and Potter county line, a distance of about four miles: Michael Fleming, H. J. Lemon, W. Wangol, C. S. King, D. S. Helmer, James [illegible]son, Chas F. Boler, John [illegible]yer, Sam Johnson and George Lauer; County Commissioner Christopher Shadenberger of Coudersport and Daniel Elliott of Roulette were also in the party. The meeting was postponed because of the absence of some of the county commissioners. These and other Port Allegany gentlemen are making strong efforts to have this piece of road improved under the new highway law and, as they seem to be in "on the ground floor" their efforts seem quite liable to prove successful.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Attorney F. D. Gallup visited Kane Saturday.

Mrs. W. Monheimer was an Olean visitor Friday.

Mrs. Robert Hamilton was an Olean visitor Saturday.

Mrs. M. C. Barker returned from Buffalo, Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Potter visited relatives in Kane over Sunday.

Miss Mary Cody was a guest of Eldred friends last week.

Walter Breneman returned from a visit in Buffalo Wednesday.

E. W. Workley returned Thursday from a trip to Brockwayville.

Mrs. J. S. Walker visited in Meadville several days last week.

Mrs. M. O'Bried was in Olean Saturday on a business mission.

R. Kessler, was in New York city last week on a business mission.

Attorney John E. Mullin of Kane was in town on business, Saturday.

Luke Burt of Marvin Creek was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Simar of Erie is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Otto.

Mrs. Peter Fay visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Quinn of Olean last week.

E. K. Kane of Kushequa was a Smethport business visitor Friday.

Geo. W. Mitchell and Warley Gifford were Bradford visitors Friday last.

Mrs. Claude Raymond of Mt. Jewett visited Mrs. Cort Corwin this week.

Mrs. E. A. Studholme and dauhgter Ada, spent Friday and Saturday in Buffalo.

Mrs. R. L. Goff of LaFayette was was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday.

Miss Mate Connolly and niece, Louise Heath, were Olean visitors, Saturday.

Miss Birdie Monheimer spent the week-end with Miss Marion Holbrook in Bradford.

J. C. Backus, J. L. Morrison, and Leo Diel were Bradford business visitors yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Purtle attended the funeral of the late John Servatius held in Bradford to-day.

Mrs. H. W. Roeder of Farmers Valley was a pleasant caller at the MINER office yesterday.

Attorney F. D. Gallup was a business visitor in Philadelphia this week. He returned Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Sasse of Olean spent Sunday with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sasse o fthis place.

Henry J. Rice, State Grange Deputy, on the call of the State Master, is doing Grange work in Potter county this week.

H. J. Lemon, C. S. King and D. S. Helmer of Port Allegany were pleasant callers at the MINER office while in town Monday.

Mrs. H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett returned to her home Tuesday after a few days visit at the home of her father, H. M. Choate.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard have returned to their home in Tulsa. Oklahoma, after a short visit at their former home in this place.

Miss Alene Engstrom returned Monday evening from a two weeks visit with the Misses Bessie and Esther Engstrom in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. E. R. Braden left Tuesday for her home in Clarington, Pa., after a three weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Cunningham.

Mr and Mrs. R. P. Yerdon who have spent the winter in Bradford returned to Smethport Tuesday where they will now make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. LeBarr of McKeesport were guests of friends in town this week. Mrs. Le Bar was formerly Miss Salome Ticknor of Smethport.

Miss Margaret Barker returned from Bradford after spending the week-end with friends and attending the Smethport-Bradford basketball game.

Forrest Nourse, Construction Superintendent for the Sterns Electric Equipment Co. Buffalo, N. Y., was the Sunday guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nourse.

Miss Margaret Barker, Dorothy Hogarth, Kathryn Hamilton, Harriet Herzog, Leona Lyle, Birdie Monheimer, Ruby Warren, and Marion Warren, were Bradford visitors Friday.

Fred and Nellie Harriman left the first of the week for Buffalo, where Fred will receive treatment for his eyes. Later they will go to New York where Nellie will undergo an operation on her throat.

W. C. Ringrose, Superintendent of the Clermont Sewer Pipe plant, and J. J. Allison, chief engineer, were in town Monday night. Tuesday they attended the funeral of Forrest Day at Farmers Valley.

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Veils	10c and up
Dresses	$2.50 to $17.50
Mens Shirts	50c to $3.00
Petticoats	58c to $5.00
Gloves	25c to $2.75
Corsets,	50c to $5.00
Waists	$1.00 to $5.50
Mens Neckwear	25c to $1.00
Mens Gloves	$1.50 to $2.50
Mens Collars	3 for 50c
Mens Hose	20c to $1.50
Mens Belts	25c to 75c

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FOR GOVERNOR

The Republicans of Pennsylvania will stand by Republican National Chairman Hays, who says:

1. "Factionalism is the most destructive force in our party."
2. "The purpose of the National Committee and similar committees, is to elect, and not to select candidates."

The factional fights of Philadelphia and Harrisburg shall not be dragged into every voting precinct in the State, for the rank and file, including the vast body of independent Republicans, will vote against both factions.

Habgood is not and will not be the candidate of any faction, clique or leader. He has always been loyal to the party's candidates, regardless of factions, and he welcomes the support of all Republicans from the most modest to the most powerful.

FACTIONALISM
MEANS DEFEAT
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OVER ALL
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Habgood favors the National amendments for Prohibition and Woman's Suffrage, consistent with his open and constant approval for the past twelve years of a nationwide basis and is supporting in his home county for the Legislature, only candidates who wil vote to ratify them.

"Economy is the parent of Integrity, of Liberty and of Ease; and the beauteous sister Temperance, of Cheerfulness and Health; and Profuseness is a cruel and crafty demon that gradually involves her followers in dependence and debts; that is, fetters them with *"irons that enter into their souls."*
—Hawkesworth.

Weavers.

The arts of weaving and rope and net-making are practiced by some of the lower forms of life, notably among caterpillars and spiders. The *weaver-birds of Africa* and India, which are a species of finch, construct wonderful nests out of leaves by sewing them together.

Jerked Meats.

"In South America jerked or dried meat is known variously as tassage or *tassajo*, and jerked venison is prepared and used by mountain-dwellers in the Rockies, and our southern mountain ranges. In South Africa these dried meat products are known as biltong.

Many Rats Destroyed.

A club in Kent, England, destroyed 10,000 rats in three seasons at an insignificant cost. Women's municipal leagues in the United States have recently taken up the matter of rat eradication, notably in Baltimore and Boston.

Like Getting Signatures.

Sentiment is so easily molded that three or four active people, by keeping at it long enough can convince millions that water runs up hill instead of down.—Atchison Globe.

About His Relations.

Judge—"Now, sir, tell us about your marital relations—were they pleasant?" Billback—"Pleasant enough, your honor. But they wanted to live on me all the time."—Life.

China Big Hemp Producer.

The production of hemp in China, the original home of the plant, is greater than that of any other country except Russia in normal times.

She Is Like the Reed.

Woman is like the reed which bends to every breeze, but breaks not in the tempest.—Archbishop Whately.

Canadian Forests.

The extent of Canada's woodlands and forests is said to exceed 800,000,00 acres.

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IN DEFENSE OF THE DOG.

The following article appeared in *a recent* issue of the Chicago Herald and is surely a masterly effort in upholding one side of the dog question.

To the Editor: I notice in a recent issue of your paper an article from a Dr. Kane of Pennsylvania suggesting the killing of all dogs to conserve food and assist in the winning of the war. Dr. Kane's argument while in a sense true, is in my estimation biased. I am perfectly in accord with the plan for a higher tax on dogs and believe that such a tax would be the means of disposing of a number of so called mongrels *dogs* that are useless from any standpoint. But a wholesale slaughter of the race of dogs is the highest point of cruelty to saythe least.

I would as soon dispose of anything I own as to lose the protection and companionship of my dog. I would rather a thousand times leave my loved ones alone under his watchful eye than have fifty policemen surrounding the house.

There are people in this city and in other cities whom I call my friends. How long would these friends stay with me should I lose my so called social position? Who would still walk majestically by my side, ready at any time to lay down his life in defense of me? My dog.

What does Dr. Kane propose to do with the thousands of dogs now doing wonderful service in the allied armies saving human lives every day?

Would time and your patience permit I *could compile* any number of facts in opposition to Dr. Kane's statements.

Give me a gun and the proper authority and I can go on the streets, even in this small city o 35,000 people and kill one man a day who is far less useful and eats more than the ordinary dog. Why not go about the country and kill off all our grandfathers and grandmothers who a r e past the age of usefulness and are yet consuming valuable food? That would be murder, would it not. Why not take a trip through our state, federal and city asylums, prisons, and other *institutions* of the kind and dispose of such inmates as are past their age of usefulness and are yet consuming valuable food? That would be murder, would it not? Why should mere man commit such a cruel, insane, murderous act against an animal which if given the proper chance will display *more brains* than nine-tenths of our men? If Dr. Kane will make a proper unbiased investigation he will find that the vast majority of dogs, if properly fed, live on the leavings of their master's table.

The following words by Harry Hawes best expresses the sentiments of every man who has ever owned a good dog.

There are more different breeds of dogs than of horses, cattle, sheep, and poultry. He is the oldest domesticated animal and he assisted his master to procure food and defend against the enemy before horses, cattle and poultry came under control. His story runs back to prehistoric times. He was used as a sacrifice to pagan gods. His place in history, art and fiction, osng and story is second only to that of man. Next to man he ranks in intelligence, being susceptible to all human passions; love, fear, hope, joy, distress, courage, timidity hatred and jealousy.

Man requires service from all animals, but only from this one receives friendship and love. He is the only animal that eats man's food; fish flesh and vegetables. Man is taught chivalry the dog has it naturally. He never attacks the female of his species, even when feeding. He is the delight of the poor man's hovel and the mansion of the rich. He faithfully follows his master as he tramps the hot and dusty roads and sits proudly upon the cushioned seat of the millionaire's de luxe machine. Wealth, caste, social distinction are all one to him; he is content and useful in every station to which he is assigned by fate. But he knows the just from the unjust, the kind from the unkind, the charitable from the uncharitable, the true from the untrue, the man from the hypocrite.

Disguise does not deceive him; paint, tinsel, silks and jewels are no more to him than tatters and rags, worn shoes and ragged hat, but it is what these things cover the man—who wins his affection or excites his dislike. His master's friends are his friends, his master's enemies are his enemies, no matter what their station He does not count the cost, but gives life at his master's command, and even without command. When master is gay he is merry; when sad he grieves and understands his moods as does his master's wife.

The destruction of an army, the fate of a nation, has been decided by a dog's bark. With teeth bared, eyes ablaze, with hair abristle, he has saved a wife and child from assault and then played nurse all day. With devoted courage he has rescued the master from a watery grave and dragged a child from an angry fire. Over bleak and frozen mountains he has carried food and drink and brought assistance to the wounded and those in dire distress. Peary could not have reached the North Pole nor Scott the South Pole without the faithful dog. In return he asks but little consideration and a few kind words.

"Never yet the dog our country fed
Betrayed the kindness or forgot
the bread."

As a friend, companion and confidant I like him best, and his manifold uses need no discussion. Lord Byron knew the dog when he placed over the grave of his friend and companion the following epitaph:

"Near this spot are deposited the remains of one who possessed beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity, and all the virtues of man without his vices."

So I say do not kill the dogs, but place a tax on them so that those people who do not take proper care of them will be forced to dispose of them or exercise more care in their maintenance.

From just an ordinary lover of dogs from a little town in Wisconsin called La Crosse.

M. S. LOCKE.

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The H. W. Roeder farm at Farmers Valley is offered for sale or rent with the privilege of buying. Possession can be had March 1, 1918.

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An Appeal from the Commission on BELGIAN RELIEF

A call has come to Smethport Chapter, American Red Cross, from the Commission on Belgian Relief for at least a ton of strong durable garments for the use of the people of Belgium and Northern France. In order that this need may be met at once the time of collection is limited to the week of March 18-25. Throughout the country people are being asked to contribute garments to this cause and it is confidently expected that the people of Smethport and vicinity will make a most generous response to this appeal and give their surplus clothing for the sorely stricken people of Belgium and France. Garments may be sent even though they are not in perfect repair as there are upwards of a hundred thousand women in Belgium and Northern France who are anxious for work. These women will repair or rip and remake garments not usable in their present condition.

Bedding is greatly needed especially blankets, sheets and pillow cases. Hospitals suffer from want of sheets and whole families are forced to sleep together to share a single blanket.

This matter has been placed in the hands of the Committee on Civilian Relief, and in Smethport the Travelers Club will take charge of the collection of garments and the Club House will be open all day Thursday to receive such contributions. All who can are urged to bring their gifts to the Club House but for the convenience of those who cannot, a canvas of the town will be made by collectors. The arrangements in the other sections of the Chapter lie in the hands of officers of the branches and auxiliaries.

THE LIST OF GARMENTS NEEDED IS AS FOLLOWS:

MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR

Shirts (preferably of light colored flannels), undershirts, underdrawers, trousers, coats, work-suits, suits, shoes, overcoats, jerseys, sweatervests, socks, unionsuits.

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' WEAR

Shirts, drawers, corset-slips, petticoats, blouses, dresses, skirts, overcoats, suits, pinafores, shoes, cloth hats, knitted caps, stockings, shawls.

INFANTS' WEAR

Swanskin swaddling clothes, cradle chemises, bodices, cradle dresses, bonnets, bibs, nickerchiefs, diapers, shoes, baby dresses, hooded cloaks, jackets, shawls, sweaters, socks.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bed-ticks, bed-sheets, pillow cases, blankets, mufflers.

THIS SPACE DONATED BY H. L. BACKUS